

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6—SENATORS RAGGIO, TITUS, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

MARCH 31, 2005

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Inducts Ann O’Connell into Senate Hall of Fame. (BDR R-1360)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Ann O’Connell into the Senate Hall of Fame.

1 WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada
2 has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected
3 by leadership from those past Senators who have served with
4 distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State
5 of Nevada; and

6 WHEREAS, Ann O’Connell represented the residents of Clark
7 County Senatorial District No. 5 in the Nevada Legislature for a
8 total of 20 years, from her election in 1984 to 2004, constituting the
9 longest service in the Senate by a woman in Nevada history; and

10 WHEREAS, During the course of her distinguished service in the
11 Senate, Senator O’Connell served as Chairwoman of the Senate
12 Committee on Government Affairs, as Chairwoman and Vice
13 Chairwoman of the Legislative Commission and as Chairwoman
14 and Vice Chairwoman of the Legislative Committee for Local
15 Government Taxes and Finance, as well as presiding over numerous
16 interim study committees; and

17 WHEREAS, Among her numerous accomplishments in the
18 Legislature, Senator O’Connell pioneered a consensus building
19 approach to study the distribution of state and local tax revenues
20 among local governments in Nevada, promoted public school
21 accountability, was instrumental in the preparation of academic
22 standards for each grade in the public elementary and secondary



1 schools, and championed the cause of suicide prevention by
2 establishing a statewide suicide prevention program and sponsoring
3 legislation to fund a nationally recognized 24-hour hotline; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator O'Connell was renowned for tackling the
5 most difficult and contentious legislative issues by encouraging an
6 inclusive process, ensuring that all parties had an opportunity to be
7 heard, and tirelessly working to make legislation a product of the
8 people she represented; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator O'Connell has served as a mentor to many
10 new Legislators by guiding them in their introduction to the
11 legislative process and by initiating them into the culture of the
12 Legislature and its importance as a democratic institution; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Ann O'Connell has been and continues to be
14 an excellent role model for Legislators, women and the youth of
15 today by embodying the principles of integrity, dedication, insight
16 and respect for diverse opinions; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
18 Ann O'Connell, a leader known for her dedication, work ethic and
19 consideration for others, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of
20 Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

