

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Among her numerous accomplishments in the Legislature, Senator O’Connell pioneered a consensus building approach to study the distribution of state and local tax revenues among local governments in Nevada, promoted public school accountability, was instrumental in the preparation of academic standards for each grade in the public elementary and secondary schools, and championed the cause of suicide prevention by establishing a statewide suicide prevention program and sponsoring legislation to fund a nationally recognized 24-hour hotline; and

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

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

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

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