

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 11—ASSEMBLYMEN BUCKLEY, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BEERS, BOBZIEN, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLUM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, STEWART, WEBER AND WOMACK

MAY 8, 2007

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Adds Virgil M. Getto to the Assembly Wall of Distinction. (BDR R-1493)

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

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding Virgil M. Getto to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

1 WHEREAS, The Nevada Assembly has established an Assembly
2 Wall of Distinction for those past members selected by leadership
3 who served with great distinction and who made exemplary
4 contributions to the State of Nevada; and

5 WHEREAS, Virgil M. Getto, a native Nevadan and lifelong
6 resident of Fallon, is the son of Italian immigrant parents who
7 settled in Nevada to start a new life, and was educated in the
8 Churchill County schools and entered the family ranching business;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, As a young man, Virgil M. Getto was elected to the
11 National Council of the Future Farmers of America (FFA), later
12 serving as Vice President of the Pacific Region that encompassed
13 eight western states, and he stated during his legislative tenure that
14 the leadership training and public speaking skills he acquired
15 through FFA led him to achieve extraordinary things, and in 2006
16 Virgil was honored for his 60 years of leadership in the FFA; and



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1 WHEREAS, Virgil entered public service in the Nevada Parent
2 Teachers Association and served as President in 1960, then won
3 election to the Churchill County School Board in 1962; and

4 WHEREAS, First elected to the Assembly in 1966, Virgil has the
5 unique distinction of being a legislative freshman five times—three
6 times in the Assembly (1967, 1979 and 1983) and twice in the
7 Senate (1981 and 1989), serving 12 regular sessions and 4 special
8 sessions, a total of 24 years; and

9 WHEREAS, While in the Assembly, Virgil served as Minority
10 Floor Leader (1975) and as a Member of the Committees on
11 Agriculture (Chairman, 1969 and 1971), Agriculture, Irrigation and
12 Livestock, Commerce, Economic Development, Tourism and
13 Mining, Education, Environment and Public Resources,
14 Government Affairs, Health and Welfare, Labor and Management,
15 Legislative Functions, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining
16 (Chairman, 1985), Taxation, Transportation and Ways and Means;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, After winning reelection to his Assembly seat, Virgil
19 was appointed in 1980 to fill a vacancy in the Senate, and after
20 completing his term in the Senate, he was again elected to the
21 Assembly, serving from 1982 until 1988, when he was elected to
22 again serve in the Senate, where he served as Chairman of the
23 Senate Committee on Natural Resources in 1991; and

24 WHEREAS, While serving as a Senator, Virgil represented the
25 largest state legislative district in the contiguous United States at
26 that time, covering nearly half of the State of Nevada, encompassing
27 parts of Churchill, Eureka and Lander Counties and all of
28 Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, Mineral and White Pine Counties, until
29 his retirement in 1992; and

30 WHEREAS, At the time of his retirement, Senator Getto
31 remarked that the education of Nevada's children should be the
32 number one issue in the Legislature; and

33 WHEREAS, As a Legislator, Virgil was a proponent of issues
34 dealing with natural resources, the construction of a maximum
35 security prison in Ely, designation of U.S. Highway No. 95 as the
36 Veterans' Memorial Highway, and the construction of two new
37 buildings in the Capitol Complex—the Nevada Supreme Court and
38 the Nevada State Library and Archives; and

39 WHEREAS, Virgil is a fervent supporter of education and has
40 made numerous personal and professional contributions to the
41 community college system, particularly the Western Nevada
42 Community College's Fallon campus, which honored him in 2004
43 by naming a building Virgil Getto Hall in recognition of his efforts
44 on behalf of the College, including serving with distinction on the
45 College's foundation and regional advisory boards; and



1 WHEREAS, Virgil was appointed to the Nevada Silver Haired
2 Legislative Forum and served as Vice President as well as a member
3 of the Forum's Committee on Human Resources and Facilities, and
4 he was appointed to the National Silver Haired Congress,
5 representing Nevada's Second Congressional District; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
8 Assemblyman and Senator Virgil M. Getto, a dynamic leader who
9 served his constituents and community for 24 years and who
10 contributed to the protection of Nevada's natural resources and
11 promoted education, is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of
12 Distinction.

