

Assembly Resolution No. 12—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, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack

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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding Marvin M. Sedway to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

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

WHEREAS, Marvin M. Sedway, a native of New York, moved to Las Vegas at the age of 8 years when the city's population was a mere 8,000 inhabitants, and he later graduated from Las Vegas High School and the University of Nevada, Reno, and then obtained his doctorate in optometry from the Pacific University College of Optometry in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Having a father who worked for Bugsy Siegel at the Flamingo Hotel, Marvin Sedway was never embarrassed by his family's involvement with the early gaming establishment in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, After returning to and settling in Clark County, Nevada, Dr. Sedway was known to drive over 100 miles 1 day each week in order to treat the children in the communities surrounding Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1982, Marvin M. Sedway served until 1990, and during his tenure, he served on the Assembly Committees on Commerce, Education, Health and Welfare, and Legislative Functions, and as the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means and the Interim Finance Committee, 1987 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Marvin M. Sedway passionately believed in improving the lives of all Nevadans and was a champion of the disadvantaged, poor, disenfranchised and especially children, and even though he knew it was politically unpopular, he openly advocated raising taxes to improve the quality of life in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sedway is credited with making Nevada's community college system one of the finest in the West, contending



that community colleges should not be shortchanged in favor of the universities and recognizing that students who would become mechanics and blue-collar workers deserved education as much as the students who became doctors and lawyers; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, Assemblyman Sedway introduced legislation authorizing the issuance of bonds to fund a new Supreme Court Building and a State Library and Archives Building, reflecting his recognition of Carson City as the seat of State Government; and

WHEREAS, In the years following his death in 1990, the student cafeteria on the Carson City campus of Western Nevada Community College was named the Sedway Café, and the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Carson City staff building was named the Sedway Office Building in recognition of Dr. Sedway's persistent work to acquire and remodel the building; and

WHEREAS, The Marvin M. Sedway Middle School located in Las Vegas was dedicated in 2002 in honor of Dr. Sedway's reverence for learning and education, and the school's mission statement is an acronym on SEDWAY—Strength in diversity, Excellence in academics, Desire to achieve all goals, Wisdom in all judgments, Appreciation for the arts, Yearning for lifelong learning—which articulates the importance of education so strongly associated with Marvin M. Sedway; and

WHEREAS, Marvin M. Sedway was known for speaking his mind and using colorful expressions such as, "If there's no penalty for doing it wrong, there's no incentive to do it right" and "It will be a great day when our schools get all the money they need and the Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sedway was a man who did not mince words, who said what had to be said and what others were afraid to say, who lived life by his own rules, unfaltering in his principles, realizing that what really mattered was the principle, not the popularity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Assemblyman Marvin M. Sedway, a leader of the legislative process whose courage, sincerity and passion for public service improved the lives of all Nevadans, is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

