

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

APRIL 17, 2007

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Inducts Rene Watt Lemaire into the Senate Hall of Fame. (BDR R-1461)

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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Rene Watt Lemaire 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 have made exemplary contributions to this State; and

5 WHEREAS, Rene Watt Lemaire, a native Nevadan, was born in  
6 Battle Mountain, Lander County, to a pioneer family with a history  
7 of public service, and Senator Lemaire's father, Henry, served as  
8 Lander County Commissioner, his grandfather, George Watt, served  
9 in the Assembly from 1875 to 1876 and from 1879 to 1880, and his  
10 cousin, Louis A. Lemaire, served in the Senate from 1915 to 1918;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, During World War II, Rene Lemaire served as  
13 Squadron Commander of the Nevada Civil Air Patrol and Chair of  
14 the Lander County United States Savings Bonds Committee; and

15 WHEREAS, Rene Lemaire's early occupations included working  
16 for the Standard Oil Company in Nevada and California, assisting  
17 his father in operating Lemaire's Service Garage and Auto Court,  
18 finding his life's vocation in banking, being elected President of the  
19 Battle Mountain State Bank, serving as Director of the Nevada Bank  
20 of Commerce and being honored as Director Emeritus of Nevada  
21 National Bank; and



1 WHEREAS, Rene Watt Lemaire represented the citizens of  
2 Lander County in the Nevada Senate for a total of 23 years from  
3 1943 to 1958 and from 1960 to 1966; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Lemaire served in the Nevada Senate for a  
5 total of 18 legislative sessions, 12 regular sessions and 6 special  
6 sessions, was a member of the Legislative Commission, the Special  
7 Committee on Taxation and Fiscal Affairs and the Joint Committee  
8 on Financial Affairs, and, in 1969, was named to the Council of  
9 Industrial Development by Governor Paul Laxalt; and

10 WHEREAS, Rene Watt Lemaire served as President Pro Tempore  
11 in the 1947 and 1953 Regular Sessions and the 1954 Special  
12 Session, Senate Majority Floor Leader in the 1955 and 1957 Regular  
13 Sessions and the 1956 and 1958 Special Sessions, and chaired the  
14 Committees on Aviation, Banks and Banking, Corporations, Fish  
15 and Game, Judiciary, Labor, Public Morals and State Institutions;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In 1967, Senator Lemaire stated that his most  
18 significant legislative contributions included the creation of the  
19 State Purchasing Department, the Silicosis Act, the advancement  
20 and expansion of aviation and legislation pertaining to education,  
21 and Senator Lemaire also sponsored legislation that restructured the  
22 administration and organization of the Legislative Counsel Bureau  
23 and the Legislative Commission; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That  
25 Senator Rene Watt Lemaire, who dedicated 23 years to public  
26 service as a member and leader of the Nevada Legislature, is hereby  
27 inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State  
28 of Nevada.

