

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Rene Watt Lemaire served as President Pro Tempore in the 1947 and 1953 Regular Sessions and the 1954 Special Session, Senate Majority Floor Leader in the 1955 and 1957 Regular Sessions and the 1956 and 1958 Special Sessions, and chaired the Committees on Aviation, Banks and Banking, Corporations, Fish



and Game, Judiciary, Labor, Public Morals and State Institutions; and

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

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

