

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7—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 John M. “Jack” Vergiels into the Senate Hall of Fame. (BDR R-1462)

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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting John M. “Jack” Vergiels 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 who have made exemplary contributions to the State
5 of Nevada; and

6 WHEREAS, John M. “Jack” Vergiels, attended Ohio public
7 schools and, in 1982, was inducted into the Waite High School
8 Athletic Hall of Fame for his participation in baseball, basketball
9 and football; and

10 WHEREAS, After earning his bachelor’s, master’s and doctorate
11 degrees in education from the University of Toledo, Dr. Vergiels
12 pursued his vocation as a Professor of Education at the University of
13 Nevada, Las Vegas, and, in 1998, in recognition of his successful
14 career as an educator, Dr. Vergiels was bestowed with the title
15 Professor of Education Emeritus by the University and Community
16 College System of Nevada; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Vergiels served for a total of 20 years in the
18 Nevada Legislature from 1972 through 1992, serving in the Nevada
19 Assembly for 12 years and in the Nevada Senate for 8 years, during
20 which Senator Vergiels served as a member of the Assembly
21 Committees on Elections, Health and Welfare, Legislative
22 Functions, and Ways and Means, and the Senate Committees on



1 Commerce and Labor, Finance, Natural Resources and
2 Transportation; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Vergiels was selected as Assembly Majority
4 Whip in 1973, Assistant Majority Leader in 1979, Majority Floor
5 Leader in 1981 and Assembly Speaker for the 1983 Regular Session
6 and the 1984 Special Session, and during his distinguished service
7 in the Legislature, he served as a member of the Legislative
8 Commission and the Interim Finance Committee and as a
9 Commissioner to and Nevada Chair of the Western Interstate
10 Commission for Higher Education; and

11 WHEREAS, Among his many accomplishments in the
12 Legislature, Senator Vergiels' priorities included adequately funding
13 the state budget and working to improve the schools in the State,
14 and he cosponsored legislation resulting in the creation of a
15 statewide code of ethical standards, known as the Nevada Ethics in
16 Government Law, and sponsored appropriations for the completion
17 of veterans' cemeteries in both northern and southern Nevada; and

18 WHEREAS, Jack Vergiels, elected as Speaker of the Assembly in
19 1983 and Senate Majority Leader in 1991, is the only Legislator in
20 Nevada history to have served in the top leadership position in both
21 Houses of the Nevada Legislature; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
23 Senator John M. "Jack" Vergiels, an influential, dedicated
24 legislative leader who served the residents of Nevada for 20 years
25 by bringing forth progressive legislation, in addition to his
26 successful career as an educator, is hereby inducted into the Senate
27 Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

