

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Senator Vergiels served for a total of 20 years in the Nevada Legislature from 1972 through 1992, serving in the Nevada Assembly for 12 years and in the Nevada Senate for 8 years, during which Senator Vergiels served as a member of the Assembly Committees on Elections, Health and Welfare, Legislative Functions, and Ways and Means, and the Senate Committees on Commerce and Labor, Finance, Natural Resources and Transportation; and

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

WHEREAS, Among his many accomplishments in the Legislature, Senator Vergiels’ priorities included adequately funding the state budget and working to improve the schools in the State,



and he cosponsored legislation resulting in the creation of a statewide code of ethical standards, known as the Nevada Ethics in Government Law, and sponsored appropriations for the completion of veterans' cemeteries in both northern and southern Nevada; and

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

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

