

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—SENATORS HORSFORD, WIENER; AMODEI, BREEDEN, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, COPENING, HARDY, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WOODHOUSE

APRIL 22, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN ANDERSON; AIZLEY, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP, GANSERT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO, MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPIEGEL, STEWART AND WOODBURY

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Expresses the Legislature’s support for improving civic education in this State and recognizes “Participatory Democracy Day.” (BDR R-61)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Expressing the support of the Legislature for participatory democracy and honoring the recipients of the Jean Ford Democracy Award.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature created the Advisory
- 2 Committee on Participatory Democracy within the Office of the
- 3 Secretary of State to advocate for civic education, voter registration
- 4 and citizen participation; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The members of the Advisory Committee, who
- 6 represent civic education groups, nonprofit organizations and



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1 community advocacy groups, work tirelessly to ensure the success
2 of the Advisory Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, The Legislature is committed to working with
4 citizens, election officers, agencies and the Advisory Committee to
5 develop innovative programs, create partnerships and explore new
6 strategies to communicate with the residents of this State in an effort
7 to increase participation in the democratic process; and

8 WHEREAS, Jean Ford, who served in both the Assembly and
9 Senate of this State and was an outstanding leader and a champion
10 of participatory democracy, exemplified the ideals that the Advisory
11 Committee strives to encourage; and

12 WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee established the Jean Ford
13 Democracy Award to honor citizens who perform exemplary service
14 in promoting participatory democracy in this State; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2003, the Nevada Legislature set a goal to have 75
16 percent of all eligible voters in the State registered and to have 70
17 percent of those registered voters participate in the 2008 General
18 Election; and

19 WHEREAS, These goals were not only achieved, but also
20 exceeded, as, according to information provided by the Secretary of
21 State, approximately 84.5 percent of all eligible voters in this State
22 registered for the 2008 General Election and approximately 80
23 percent of those registered voters cast ballots in the 2008 General
24 Election; now therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
26 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislature hereby honors the
27 following recipients of the Jean Ford Democracy Award for
28 exemplary service in promoting participatory democracy in this
29 State: Stephanie Hartman, Kenya Pierce, State Senator Valerie
30 Wiener and Daniel Wong; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada
32 Legislature hereby affirm the commitment to achieve, by the 2012
33 General Election, the goals of having 90 percent of all eligible
34 voters in the State registered and having 85 percent of those
35 registered voters participate in that election; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Advisory Committee shall make a full
37 report to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature on the
38 achievement of the goals set forth in this resolution and the progress
39 of the Advisory Committee in carrying out its statutory duties; and
40 be it further

41 RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby declares April 23, 2009,
42 Participatory Democracy Day in the Nevada Legislature; and be it
43 further

44 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
45 transmit a copy of this resolution to award recipients Stephanie



- 1 Hartman, Kenya Pierce, State Senator Valerie Wiener and Daniel
- 2 Wong, and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the
- 3 Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, the
- 4 Secretary of State and the members of the Advisory Committee on
- 5 Participatory Democracy.

