

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

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

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature created the Advisory Committee on Participatory Democracy within the Office of the Secretary of State to advocate for civic education, voter registration and citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Advisory Committee, who represent civic education groups, nonprofit organizations and community advocacy groups, work tirelessly to ensure the success of the Advisory Committee; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to award recipients Stephanie Hartman, Kenya Pierce, State Senator Valerie Wiener and Daniel Wong, and to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, the Secretary of State and the members of the Advisory Committee on Participatory Democracy.

