

Senate Resolution No. 7—Senators Horsford, Raggio; Amodei, Breeden, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Copening, Hardy, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Parks, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener and Woodhouse

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SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Dina Titus 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, Dina Titus was born in Thomasville, Georgia, on May 23, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Dina Titus received her bachelor of arts degree from the College of William and Mary, her master of arts degree from the University of Georgia and her doctor of philosophy degree in political science from Florida State University, and subsequently, Dr. Titus has been a professor of political science at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for the last 30 years and is married to Thomas C. Wright, Ph.D., a history professor at the University; and

WHEREAS, Senator Titus was first elected to the Nevada Senate from Clark County in 1988 and is one of only two women who served 20 years in the Nevada Senate, and she served as the Minority Leader of the Senate from 1992-2008, making her the longest-serving Minority Leader of the Senate in Nevada history; and

WHEREAS, Senator Titus chaired numerous interim studies, including the Legislative Committee on Persons With Disabilities in 2003-2004, the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study the Protection of Natural Treasures in 2005-2006, the Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Review Present Efforts to Conserve and Develop Energy Resources in 1993-1994 and the Study of Gaming in 1991-1992; and

WHEREAS, Senator Titus sponsored significant legislation relating to children's health, prescription drugs for seniors, enhanced penalties for offenders who commit crimes against persons with disabilities, smaller class sizes in early elementary grades, a freeze on property tax valuations leading to capping increases at 3 percent for homes, smart growth, green power and the opposition to the storage of nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, and she created the Legislative Internship Program at the University of



Nevada, Las Vegas, which allows select students from southern Nevada to work at the Nevada Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Dina Titus has many accomplishments outside the legislative arena, such as her inclusion in Outstanding Nevada Women by the Nevada Women's Lobby, receipt of the President's Medal from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, authorship of *Bombs in the Backyard: Atomic Testing and American Politics* and *Battle Born: Federal-State Relations in Nevada During the Twentieth Century*, selection by the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* as Outstanding Legislator of the Year in 1999 and service as Chairman of the Nevada Humanities Committee in 1984-1986; and

WHEREAS, Ever the public servant, Senator Titus was elected in 2008 to the United States House of Representatives from Nevada's Third District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Dina Titus, who has dedicated many years of her life to the service of the people of the State of Nevada as a professor, member of the Legislature and now a member of the United States Congress, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

