

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—SENATORS
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MAY 31, 2013

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WOODBURY

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former University Regent Dorothy
Gallagher. (BDR R-1238)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former
University Regent Dorothy Gallagher.

- 1 WHEREAS, On May 15, 2013, the State of Nevada lost one of its
- 2 most important voices in higher education and, most notably, a
- 3 champion of students statewide; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Sewell Gallagher, a fourth-generation
- 5 Nevadan, was born on September 14, 1925, to J. Harvey and Mollie
- 6 Sewell in Elko, Nevada, and in 1943 enrolled in the University of
- 7 Nevada, where she met the love of her life, Thomas H. Gallagher;
- 8 and



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1 WHEREAS, During her years at the University, she was president
2 of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and after graduating with a
3 bachelor's degree in zoology in the spring of 1947, she married Tom
4 on August 30, 1947; and

5 WHEREAS, After spending 4 years in San Francisco while Tom
6 attended dental school and giving birth to two of their sons, Dorothy
7 and her family returned to Elko in 1951 where Tom began a
8 dentistry practice with his father and brother; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1953, their youngest son was born, and Dorothy
10 immersed herself in motherhood and the day-to-day operations of
11 the family ranches in Lamoille, Pine Valley and Diamond Valley;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, After the ranches were sold in 1979, Dorothy was
14 elected to her first of many terms as a member of the Board of
15 Regents of the University of Nevada in 1980; and

16 WHEREAS, Dorothy Gallagher served with distinction and honor
17 as a Regent for an unprecedented 28 years from 1980 to 2002, and
18 from 2004 to 2010, and her tenure included serving as Chair of the
19 Board of Regents as well as Chair of more than a dozen committees;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, This esteemed Nevadan steadfastly represented 11
22 rural counties, as her district spanned the State from the Idaho
23 border to Pahrump; and

24 WHEREAS, Dorothy Gallagher's wisdom and foresight were
25 instrumental in the creation and development of Great Basin College
26 in Elko and bringing in baccalaureate programs to the rural
27 institution as she helped to plan and develop Nevada's first state
28 college in 2002, which now boasts an enrollment of over 3,000
29 students with 35 majors and minors; and

30 WHEREAS, A committed supporter of mining education, she
31 became the first woman honored with the Mining and Metallurgical
32 Society of America's Gold Medal in 2009; and

33 WHEREAS, The Dorothy S. Gallagher Great Basin
34 Environmental Research Laboratory of the Desert Research Institute
35 bears her name in recognition of her efforts to secure funding to
36 construct the multidisciplinary research facility; and

37 WHEREAS, Dorothy Gallagher was actively involved in her
38 community, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the
39 Nevada National Bank, the Elko County Hospital Board of Trustees
40 and the Board of Directors of Vitality House, and for her efforts in
41 health services outreach, she was named the Rural Nevadan Who
42 Dares to Care by the University of Nevada School of Medicine in
43 1994; and

44 WHEREAS, Dorothy's countless accolades include being
45 recognized as a University of Nevada Distinguished Nevadan,



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1 University of Nevada Honorary Doctorate, University of Nevada
2 Alumnus of the Year, as well as being included in the Junior
3 Achievement of Northern Nevada's Business Leaders Hall of Fame
4 and receiving the Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame Award for
5 Education, the Elko General Hospital Legacy Award and the
6 Nevada Hospital Association Trustee Excellence Award; and

7 WHEREAS, This incomparable inspirational leader and mentor
8 dedicated her life to improving access to quality educational
9 opportunities for all, and through her selfless service, improved the
10 lives of Nevadans for generations to come; and

11 WHEREAS, Dorothy Gallagher is survived by her husband
12 Thomas, sons Michael, Thomas and Frank, five grandchildren and
13 three great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
15 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 77th Session of
16 the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the exemplary
17 achievements of this extraordinary woman and extend their deepest
18 condolences to her family, colleagues and friends; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
20 transmit a copy of this resolution to Dorothy Gallagher's beloved
21 husband, Dr. Thomas H. Gallagher.

