

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 10—Senators Goicoechea; Atkinson, Brower, Cegavske, Denis, Ford, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Hutchison, Jones, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Manendo, Parks, Roberson, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Smith, Spearman and Woodhouse

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former University Regent Dorothy Gallagher.

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2013, the State of Nevada lost one of its most important voices in higher education and, most notably, a champion of students statewide; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Sewell Gallagher, a fourth-generation Nevadan, was born on September 14, 1925, to J. Harvey and Mollie Sewell in Elko, Nevada, and in 1943 enrolled in the University of Nevada, where she met the love of her life, Thomas H. Gallagher; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Dorothy Gallagher served with distinction and honor as a Regent for an unprecedented 28 years from 1980 to 2002, and



from 2004 to 2010, and her tenure included serving as Chair of the Board of Regents as well as Chair of more than a dozen committees; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Dorothy's countless accolades include being recognized as a University of Nevada Distinguished Nevadan, University of Nevada Honorary Doctorate, University of Nevada Alumnus of the Year, as well as being included in the Junior Achievement of Northern Nevada's Business Leaders Hall of Fame and receiving the Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame Award for Education, the Elko General Hospital Legacy Award and the Nevada Hospital Association Trustee Excellence Award; and

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 77th Session of



the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the exemplary achievements of this extraordinary woman and extend their deepest condolences to her family, colleagues and friends; and be it further

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

