

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5—SENATORS DENIS; ATKINSON, BROWER, CEGAVSKE, FORD, GOICOECHEA, GUSTAVSON, HAMMOND, HARDY, HUTCHISON, JONES, KIECKHEFER, KIHUEN, MANENDO, PARKS, ROBERSON, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPEARMAN AND WOODHOUSE

APRIL 17, 2013

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Inducts Sue Wagner into the Senate Hall of Fame.
(BDR R-1204)

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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Sue Wagner into the Senate Hall of Fame.

1 WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada
2 has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected
3 by leadership from those past Senators who have served with
4 distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State
5 of Nevada; and

6 WHEREAS, Sue Wagner was born in Portland, Maine, and
7 received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University
8 of Arizona and a Master of Arts in History from Northwestern
9 University in Evanston, Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, During her career, Sue worked as a newspaper
11 reporter, an educator in government and history at the high school
12 and college levels, and in special assistant positions at Ohio State
13 University and the Desert Research Institute; and

14 WHEREAS, Sue Wagner was married to the late Dr. Peter
15 Wagner, who lost his life in 1980 while conducting research for the
16 Desert Research Institute, and is the mother of their two children
17 Kirk and Kristina; and

18 WHEREAS, Sue Wagner was first elected to the Nevada
19 Assembly from Washoe County in 1974, serving in that position for
20 6 years until her election to the Nevada Senate in November 1980,
21 being only the fifth woman to be elected to the Nevada State Senate;
22 and



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1 WHEREAS, Senator Wagner chaired the Senate Committee on
2 Judiciary during the 1987 and 1989 Legislative Sessions, the first
3 woman in Nevada history to serve in that capacity, and also served
4 on the Senate Standing Committees on Government Affairs and
5 Legislative Affairs and Operations, and chaired a number of special
6 studies during the interim period between sessions, including the
7 Legislative Commission's Subcommittees on the Nevada Prison
8 System (1979-81), Development of a Master Plan for the Nevada
9 Prison System (1981-82), Grand Juries in Nevada (1983-84), Foster
10 Care Provided to Children in Nevada (1985-86) and the Study of
11 Alternative Methods of Resolving Disputes (1989-90); and

12 WHEREAS, During her career as a State Senator, Senator
13 Wagner was the primary sponsor of numerous bills that were
14 enacted and signed into law, including measures affecting families,
15 women and children, domestic violence, persons with disabilities,
16 smoking in public buildings, ethics in government, growth
17 management and regional planning, prison-related issues, elections
18 and election campaign reform, conservation, public health and
19 sample ballots for constitutional amendments; and

20 WHEREAS, Following 10 years of service in the Nevada State
21 Senate, Senator Wagner was elected as Lieutenant Governor of
22 Nevada in 1990 and, as Lieutenant Governor from 1991 through
23 1995, presided over the floor sessions of the Senate during the
24 Regular Sessions of 1991 and 1993; and

25 WHEREAS, Starting in 1995, Sue Wagner was in charge of the
26 legislative intern program for the University of Nevada, Reno,
27 which allows university students who may be interested in a career
28 in government or elective office to assist a member of the
29 Legislature during regular legislative sessions; and

30 WHEREAS, In April 1997, Sue Wagner was appointed to the
31 Nevada Gaming Commission by former Governor Bob Miller where
32 she served for over 11 years; and

33 WHEREAS, Some of the numerous honors, awards and
34 accomplishments which Sue Wagner has received include:
35 Humanitarian of the Year from the National Conference of
36 Christians and Jews; Outstanding Woman in Government from the
37 Governor's Conference on Women; Conservation Legislator of the
38 Year from the Nevada Wildlife Federation; Breaking the Glass
39 Ceiling Award from the Women Executives in State Government;
40 the Professional Achievement Award from the University of
41 Arizona Alumni Association; the Nevada Merit Mother of the Year
42 Award from the American Mother's Association; Woman of the
43 Year from the Commission on the Status of Women; and Woman of
44 Distinction Lifetime Achievement from the Capital Women's
45 Political Caucus; now, therefore, be it



1 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
2 Sue Wagner, who has dedicated many years of her life to the service
3 of the people of the State of Nevada at the University of Nevada,
4 Reno, as a member of both the Nevada Senate and Assembly, as
5 Lieutenant Governor of Nevada and as a member of the Nevada
6 Gaming Commission, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of
7 Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

