

Senate Resolution No. 5—Senators Denis; Atkinson, Brower, Cegavske, Ford, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Hutchison, Jones, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Manendo, Parks, Roberson, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Spearman and Woodhouse

FILE NUMBER.....

SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Sue Wagner 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, Sue Wagner was born in Portland, Maine, and received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Arizona and a Master of Arts in History from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois; and

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

