

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4—SENATORS ROBERSON, FORD;
ATKINSON, BROWER, DENIS, FARLEY, GOICOECHEA,
GUSTAVSON, HAMMOND, HARDY, HARRIS, KIECKHEFER,
KIHUEN, LIPPARELLI, MANENDO, PARKS, SEGERBLOM,
SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPEARMAN AND WOODHOUSE

APRIL 22, 2015

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Inducts Dean Rhoads into the Senate Hall of Fame.
(BDR R-1268)

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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Dean Rhoads 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, Dean A. Rhoads was born in Tonasket, Washington,
7 received his bachelor of science degree in agriculture business
8 management from California State Polytechnic College and married
9 Sharon Packer of Elko County, Nevada, and together they worked
10 on her family's ranch near Tuscarora and raised two daughters,
11 Shammy and Chandra; and

12 WHEREAS, Dean Rhoads was first elected to serve in the Nevada
13 Assembly in 1976, where he served for 6 years until 1982, and was
14 then elected to serve in the Nevada Senate in 1984 where he served
15 for 28 years representing rural Nevada and his lengthy tenure in the
16 Senate makes him one of the longest serving Nevada Senators in
17 this State; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Dean Rhoads served on six different
19 standing committees in the Senate including the Committee on
20 Finance (16 years), the Committee on Commerce and Labor (12
21 years), the Committee on Government Affairs (4 years), the
22 Committee on Transportation (10 years, with 4 years as Chair),



1 the Committee on Taxation (16 years, with 2 years as Chair), the
2 Committee on Natural Resources (26 years, with 14 years as Chair),
3 and he also served as Senate Majority Whip for 3 regular sessions
4 and 6 special sessions between 2003 and 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Rhoads was the primary sponsor of
6 numerous bills that were enacted and signed into law, including
7 measures affecting local governments, Great Basin College,
8 unappropriated public lands, public access to recreational land,
9 public utilities, renewable energy resources, water and real estate
10 disclosures, and of particular note were his bills concerning
11 candidates for office, rangeland resource management, statewide
12 initiative petitions and merit awards for certain state employees; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Rhoads was the founding member and chair
14 for 26 years of the Legislative Committee on Public Lands, which
15 has made important contributions over the years on topics such as
16 access to public lands, grazing fees, "takings," wilderness
17 designations, endangered species, wild horses and burros, historical
18 roads and off-road vehicles, and, specifically, he helped enact
19 legislation to reclaim the sovereignty of the State of Nevada over
20 unappropriated public lands; and

21 WHEREAS, During his years of service in the Legislature,
22 Senator Rhoads served on nearly 60 legislative study committees,
23 statutory committees, subcommittees, task forces and advisory
24 boards, and during the interim period between legislative sessions,
25 he served on the Legislative Commission (4 years, with 2 years as
26 Vice Chair), the Interim Finance Committee (22 years) and the
27 Audit Subcommittee (10 years, with 4 years as Chair); now,
28 therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
30 Dean A. Rhoads, who has dedicated years of his life to the service
31 of the people of the State of Nevada, particularly the residents of
32 rural Nevada, and served as a member of both the Nevada Senate
33 and Assembly over a period of five decades from 1976 through
34 2012, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the
35 Legislature of the State of Nevada.

