

Senate Resolution No. 4—Senators Roberson, Ford; Atkinson, Brower, Denis, Farley, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Harris, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Lipparelli, Manendo, Parks, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Spearman and Woodhouse

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

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

WHEREAS, Senator Dean Rhoads served on six different standing committees in the Senate including the Committee on Finance (16 years), the Committee on Commerce and Labor (12 years), the Committee on Government Affairs (4 years), the Committee on Transportation (10 years, with 4 years as Chair), the Committee on Taxation (16 years, with 2 years as Chair), the Committee on Natural Resources (26 years, with 14 years as Chair), and he also served as Senate Majority Whip for 3 regular sessions and 6 special sessions between 2003 and 2008; and

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



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

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

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

