

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6—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 Randolph J. Townsend into the Senate Hall  
of Fame. (BDR R-1269)

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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Randolph J. Townsend into  
the Senate Hall of Fame.

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

5 WHEREAS, Randolph J. Townsend was born in Los Angeles,  
6 California, on January 24, 1947, received his bachelor of science  
7 and master of education degrees from the University of Nevada,  
8 Reno; and

9 WHEREAS, Randolph Townsend is married to his wife, Robyne  
10 and has worked as a small business owner, investor, advertising  
11 executive, automobile dealership executive and company president;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In 1982, Randolph Townsend was first elected to the  
14 Nevada Senate and served the people of this State for 28 years  
15 representing districts that included portions of the City of Reno,  
16 unincorporated Washoe County and Carson City; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Townsend served as a member of the  
18 Legislative Commission for 22 years and as Chair of the  
19 Commission three times, served on the Senate Committee on  
20 Commerce and Labor for 26 years and as Chair of the Committee  
21 for 20 years (a Senate record) and served as a member of several



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1 other standing committees and on over 50 different legislative study  
2 committees, policy bodies and advisory committees; and

3 WHEREAS, Among his many notable accomplishments, Senator  
4 Townsend championed mental health reform and, in recognition of  
5 his dedication to that cause, the Dini-Townsend Hospital located in  
6 Sparks, Nevada, was named in his honor, and he was appointed by  
7 President George W. Bush to the New Freedom Commission on  
8 Mental Health; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Townsend was also recognized for his  
10 outstanding work on behalf of workers who were injured on the job,  
11 helping to make Nevada's workers' compensation system solvent  
12 and transparent, and was instrumental in leading the early effort for  
13 increased renewable energy and energy efficiency; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 28, 2010, nearing the end of his final term  
15 of office, Senator Townsend resigned from the Senate to accept an  
16 appointment by Governor Jim Gibbons to the prestigious Nevada  
17 Gaming Commission on which he still honorably serves; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Townsend was a founding member of the  
19 Guinn Center for Policy Priorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is a  
20 member of Governor Brian Sandoval's Behavioral Health and  
21 Wellness Council; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That  
23 Randolph J. Townsend will forever be remembered for his  
24 leadership and dedication to public service, for his indelible  
25 legislative accomplishments and for being an outstanding member  
26 of and positive driving force in the Nevada Senate for 28 years  
27 serving the people of this State and is hereby inducted into the  
28 Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

