

Senate Resolution No. 6—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 Randolph J. Townsend into the Senate Hall of Fame.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Senator Townsend served as a member of the Legislative Commission for 22 years and as Chair of the Commission three times, served on the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor for 26 years and as Chair of the Committee for 20 years (a Senate record) and served as a member of several other standing committees and on over 50 different legislative study committees, policy bodies and advisory committees; and

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

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



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

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

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

