

Senate Resolution No. 5—Senators Ford, Roberson; Atkinson, Cancela, Cannizzaro, Denis, Farley, Gansert, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Harris, Kieckhefer, Manendo, Parks, Ratti, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Spearman and Woodhouse

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SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Debbie Smith 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 past Senators who have served with distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada and who are selected by current Senators serving in leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smith was born in Tucson, Arizona, in 1956, and moved to Battle Mountain, Nevada, with her family when she was in fourth grade; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Battle Mountain High School, Debbie married her high school sweetheart, Greg Smith, and they were blessed with three children, Olivia, Ian and Erin; and

WHEREAS, Debbie started early in politics, being elected to the Lander County School Board at just 22 years of age, a position that gave her a deep understanding and appreciation for education issues; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Sparks, Nevada, Debbie served as President of the Nevada Parent Teacher Association, as a member of the National Parent Teacher Association Board and, for 8 years, as Chair of the Council to Establish Academic Standards for Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Debbie Smith was elected to the Nevada Assembly and, after being reelected in 2004, served continuously until she became a member of the Senate in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Senator Smith quickly won the respect and appreciation of her colleagues in the Senate and was chosen to serve as Assistant Majority Floor Leader in 2013 and Assistant Minority Floor Leader in 2015; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her leadership in the Nevada Legislature, Senator Smith was an active participant and leader in the National Conference of State Legislatures and was selected in 2015 by legislators from throughout the United States to serve as President of that organization, the only Nevadan who has ever held that position; and



WHEREAS, Senator Smith was a tireless advocate for education and social services, serving on the committees that oversee those functions for 6 years and chairing the Assembly Committee on Health and Human Services for one session; and

WHEREAS, Senator Smith had a thorough understanding of the State budget, serving on the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means for 8 years and on the Senate Committee on Finance for 4 years, and chairing each of those committees for one session; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Smith is remembered as the successful sponsor for several key pieces of legislation such as Brianna's Law, requiring DNA samples to help track down perpetrators of sexual assault, the bill creating Nevada's 2-1-1 line and the Nevada Dream Tags program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Debbie Smith, who dedicated years of her life to serving the people of the State of Nevada as an advocate for education and as a member of the Assembly and the Senate, is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

