

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5—SENATORS CANNIZZARO, SETTELMAYER; BROOKS, BUCK, DENIS, DONATE, DONDERO LOOP, GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, HANSEN, HARDY, D. HARRIS, KIECKHEFER, LANGE, NEAL, OHRENSCHALL, PICKARD, RATTI, SCHEIBLE, SEEVERS GANSERT AND SPEARMAN

MAY 24, 2021

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Inducts David R. Parks into the Senate Hall of Fame.
(BDR R-1165)

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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting David R. Parks 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, David R. Parks was born in Boston, Massachusetts,
7 in 1943, raised in New Hampshire and graduated from the
8 University of New Hampshire in 1967; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating from college, David enlisted in the
10 United States Air Force and found himself headed west to Nellis Air
11 Force Base in southern Nevada where he served until 1971; and

12 WHEREAS, David earned an MBA from the University of
13 Nevada, Las Vegas, and began his 26-year tour of duty in local
14 government, developing expertise in finance and planning and
15 working for the City of Las Vegas, the Clark County Manager's
16 Office and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern
17 Nevada; and

18 WHEREAS, David was elected to the Assembly in 1996 and
19 served continuously until he was elected to the Senate in 2008; and

20 WHEREAS, David was appointed as chair of numerous
21 committees and to leadership positions in both houses and served in



1 16 special sessions and on more than 50 interim legislative
2 committees and studies; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Parks is remembered for his extensive
4 knowledge of government finance and served a combined 18 years
5 on the Interim Finance Committee, the Assembly Committee on
6 Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Parks is also remembered for the breadth of
8 his interests and causes, as well as his persistence, quiet dignity and
9 ability to forge bipartisan consensus; and

10 WHEREAS, As a longtime advocate for the LGBTQ community
11 and other vulnerable populations, Senator Parks successfully
12 enacted measures concerning bullying in schools, HIV and AIDS,
13 the decriminalization of hypodermic needles, discrimination based
14 on sexual orientation and the authorization of domestic partnerships
15 in Nevada; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Parks also worked tirelessly on legislation to
17 allow death with dignity, to help veterans, the homeless, and
18 wildlife and to fund and promote the arts; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
20 David R. Parks, having dedicated over 50 years of his life to serve
21 the people of the State of Nevada in local government, through
22 membership in community organizations and through his service in
23 the Assembly and the Senate, is hereby inducted into the Senate
24 Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
27 adoption.

