

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 8—ASSEMBLYMEN YEAGER,
JAUREGUI AND O’NEILL

MAY 10, 2023

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Adds former Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley
to the Assembly Wall of Distinction. (BDR R-1188)

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

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding former Assemblywoman
Barbara E. Buckley to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

1 WHEREAS, The Assembly of the Legislature of the State of
2 Nevada has established a Wall of Distinction for those past
3 members of the Assembly selected by leadership who served with
4 great distinction and who made exemplary contributions to the State
5 of Nevada; and

6 WHEREAS, Barbara E. Buckley has devoted her career to
7 uplifting Nevada’s most vulnerable populations, applying her
8 intelligence, fortitude and passion for advocacy while serving this
9 State and becoming the first female speaker of the Assembly; and

10 WHEREAS, Barbara’s drive to correct injustice is channeled in
11 her legal work, which began after she discovered her passion for law
12 in the early 1980s while working as a legal secretary in Las Vegas;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, As a first-generation college student, Barbara
15 graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and developed
16 her legal expertise at the University of Arizona Law School, earning
17 her Juris Doctorate summa cum laude as well as receiving an award
18 for outstanding female law graduate of 1989; and

19 WHEREAS, Barbara’s commitment to public service and
20 pursuing justice blossomed while in law school, where she founded
21 the Public Interest Law Organization and, after graduating, the
22 Domestic Violence and Children’s Attorneys Project, the first legal
23 program to specifically assist victims of domestic violence and
24 abuse in Clark County; and



1 WHEREAS, Barbara's legal career advanced in 1996 when she
2 was named Executive Director of Clark County Legal Services, now
3 the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, a nonprofit organization
4 dedicated to providing access to justice for low-income children and
5 adults in Clark County; and

6 WHEREAS, Barbara's call to service brought her to the Nevada
7 Legislature in 1994, where she served her constituents in the Nevada
8 Assembly for 8 regular sessions and 10 special sessions while
9 shaping legislation that promoted child welfare and expanded access
10 to affordable housing for low-income seniors; and

11 WHEREAS, During her legislative tenure, Barbara advanced
12 women's participation in Nevada politics, making history by
13 becoming the first woman to serve as Majority Floor Leader, from
14 2001 to 2007, and the first woman to serve as Speaker, from 2007 to
15 2010; and

16 WHEREAS, Under Barbara's leadership, the Assembly passed
17 legislation strengthening consumer protections and promoting
18 economic growth, including payday loan protections and creating
19 the Office for Consumer Health Assistance and the Nevada
20 Foreclosure Mediation Program; and

21 WHEREAS, Through her historic leadership in the Assembly and
22 prolonged investment in the legal community of this State, Barbara
23 will be remembered for improving the lives of countless Nevadans,
24 particularly those most in need of advocacy; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
26 for her 16 years of service in the Assembly and for her steadfast
27 dedication to the State of Nevada, Barbara E. Buckley is hereby
28 added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
30 transmit a copy of this resolution to former Assemblywoman
31 Barbara E. Buckley; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
33 adoption.

