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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6—SENATORS CANNIZZARO, SEEVERS GANSERT; BUCK, DALY, DONATE, DONDERO LOOP, FLORES, GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, HANSEN, D. HARRIS, KRASNER, LANGE, NEAL, NGUYEN, OHRENSCHALL, PAZINA, SCHEIBLE, SPEARMAN, STONE AND TITUS

MAY 11, 2023

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Inducts Claire Jesse Clift as an honorary member into the Senate Hall of Fame. (BDR R-1197)

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

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SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Claire Jesse Clift as an honorary member into the Senate Hall of Fame.

1 WHEREAS, Claire J. Clift was born in Reno and raised in Carson  
2 City, where she graduated from Carson High School and Western  
3 Nevada College and afterward worked for 11 seasons for the United  
4 States Forest Service in North Fork, Idaho, where she met her  
5 husband Jim, a whitewater rafting guide, and learned that one’s  
6 survival depends on self-reliance and the ability to make tough  
7 decisions; and

8 WHEREAS, As a fifth-generation Nevadan, her ancestry includes  
9 great-great-grandfathers who were pioneer settlers, one of whom,  
10 Daniel Clark Simpson, established a trading post and served as an  
11 Assemblyman in 1871, another, William George Harris, who was a  
12 miner who helped build the Sutro Tunnel, and her great uncle,  
13 Forest Lovelock, and uncle, Coe Swobe, who both served in the  
14 Senate and her grandfather, Hugo Quilici, who was mayor of Reno;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Claire’s state service began in the Nevada Senate as  
17 a Committee Secretary for the Senate Committee on Natural  
18 Resources in 1987 and 1989, where she learned the legislative  
19 process and experienced the in-depth vetting of bills through  
20 testimony, discussion and amendments, and after a brief time away,  
21 she returned to the Senate as the Media Clerk under the tutelage of  
22 then-Secretary of the Senate, Jan Thomas, and in this position



1 helped develop and improve computer programs as the liaison for  
2 information systems to assist the Legislature as it entered the 21st  
3 century; and

4 WHEREAS, Upon the retirement of her predecessor, Claire Clift  
5 was appointed as the Secretary of the Senate, continuing a long-  
6 standing tradition of holding an elected position of public service in  
7 her family, served as Secretary of the Senate during 9 regular  
8 sessions and 15 special sessions, which included the Senate's first  
9 impeachment proceeding against a state constitutional officer, and  
10 with the support of legislative leadership, helped effect statutory  
11 changes to employment practices of session staff that affected  
12 salaries, retirement vestment and opportunities for legislative staff to  
13 transfer employment to the state's classified service; and

14 WHEREAS, Claire's public service extended beyond Nevada,  
15 serving on two Mason's Manual Commissions with the National  
16 Conference of State Legislatures, as co-chair and chair, shepherding  
17 the manual to its decennial revision with the 2020 edition of  
18 *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure*, as well as being active in  
19 the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries where  
20 she chaired multiple committees and served two terms on the  
21 ASLCS Executive Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, Claire Clift is remembered for her poise,  
23 professionalism and confidence, was well-respected by all who  
24 worked with her, and always kept the interests of the Senate and  
25 Legislature at heart; and

26 WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada  
27 wishes to recognize Claire J. Clift for her dedicated service and vast  
28 knowledge of parliamentary procedure; now, therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That,  
30 Claire Jesse Clift, for her decades of devoted service to the State of  
31 Nevada as Secretary of the Senate, is hereby inducted as an  
32 honorary member into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of  
33 the State of Nevada; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
35 adoption.

