

SUMMARY—Adds former Assemblymember Odis “Tyrone” Thompson to the Assembly Wall of Distinction. (BDR R-1162)

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding former Assemblymember Odis “Tyrone” Thompson to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

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

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Odis “Tyrone” Thompson was born on September 30, 1967, in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Odis and Vertis Thompson; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Valley High School in Las Vegas in 1985, he earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Northern Arizona University in 1989 and a master’s degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Spanning three decades, Tyrone’s career in Nevada was dedicated to public service and included work in various positions in local and state government and service on boards and as a volunteer for many important causes, including as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for abused and neglected children in foster care for over 17 years; and

WHEREAS, When Tyrone was appointed to the Nevada Assembly to fill a vacancy during the 2013 Legislative Session, he took the opportunity to study the issues and discovered a passion for



representing his constituents, especially underrepresented persons, including homeless and vulnerable persons; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone's hard work was rewarded when he was subsequently elected to serve three more terms representing Assembly District 17; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure at the Nevada Legislature, Tyrone championed many significant legislative measures, including legislation strengthening and expanding mentoring programs, seeking educational opportunities for pupils, addressing issues faced by homeless youth, dealing with important health care issues, addressing the reintegration of criminal offenders and designating Peace Week in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone served on various committees and held many positions at the Legislature, including being selected to serve during the 2019 Legislative Session as Assembly Majority Whip and Chair of the Assembly Committee on Education; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone was a leader in his community, a role model and a selfless, hardworking public servant; and

WHEREAS, After his passing in 2019, Tyrone's commitment to youth development and educational opportunities has been memorialized through the establishment of Ty's Place, a safe and enriching after-school hub in North Las Vegas for teens; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents of the University of Nevada fittingly honored Tyrone's dedication to higher education by naming the new student union building at the North Las Vegas Campus of the College of Southern Nevada as the Tyrone Thompson Student Union; and



WHEREAS, The Clark County School District has also honored Tyrone's legacy by establishing the Tyrone Thompson Elementary School in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, In honor of its alumnus, the University of Phoenix has established a full-tuition scholarship in Tyrone's name that is awarded annually to a Nevada resident who is pursuing an undergraduate degree; and

WHEREAS, Known for his distinctive style and vibrant personality, Tyrone held a special affection for the color purple, often incorporating the color into his wardrobe and surroundings as a symbol of his creativity, wisdom and unwavering commitment to bringing beauty and inspiration to the lives of those around him; and

WHEREAS, Above all else, Tyrone loved his family and made certain his mother knew he held her dear, sending her flowers every Monday that he could not be with her while he was serving in the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Tyrone's famous, heartwarming smile will be long remembered as the embodiment of his character, and his tireless advocacy, compassion for others, leadership, dedication and work ethic will continue to serve as an inspiration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That for his outstanding service in the Assembly and his dedication to the people of this State, Odis "Tyrone" Thompson is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of former Assemblymember Tyrone Thompson; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

