

Senate Resolution No. 5—Senators Cannizzaro, Settelmeyer; Brooks, Cancela, Denis, Dondero Loop, Goicoechea, Hammond, Hansen, Hardy, D. Harris, Kieckhefer, Ohrenschall, Parks, Pickard, Ratti, Scheible, Seevers Gansert, Spearman, Washington and Woodhouse

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SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Valerie Wiener 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 selected by leadership from those past Senators who have served with distinction and have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Wiener was born in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Louis Wiener, Jr., a prominent attorney, and Tui Ava Knight; and

WHEREAS, Valerie graduated from Las Vegas High School, earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and completed 3 years of study at the McGeorge School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Valerie served as press secretary for United States Senator Harry Reid and in 1988, she established Wiener Communications Group, a consulting firm specializing in corporate and interpersonal communications, and later established PowerMark Publishing, sharing her communications expertise through books, programs and seminars; and

WHEREAS, Valerie was elected to the Nevada Senate in 1996 and served for 16 years, making her the longest-serving female native Nevadan in the history of the Legislature and the first female Legislator to serve in leadership positions in both the majority and minority parties; and

WHEREAS, Valerie served on many Senate standing committees, including serving as Chair of the Health and Education Committee in 2009 and Chair of the Judiciary Committee in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Valerie had an impressive record of legislative successes, sponsoring approximately 90 bills, 75 of which became law, and because she proudly represented Senate District Number 7, Valerie also succeeded in having many of her bills end in her lucky number “7”; and

WHEREAS, Many of Valerie’s bills were aimed at addressing the safety and well-being of vulnerable persons, promoting the physical fitness and health of children and combatting childhood obesity and



she has also received several awards for her role in promoting healthy and active lifestyles for school children; and

WHEREAS, Valerie enthusiastically encouraged civic participation by participating in Nevada's Legislator Back to School Program and by sponsoring Senate Bill No. 247, which created the Nevada Youth Legislature in 2007, and which continues to this day as a successful program that trains, mentors and advises youth to be active citizens in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Nevada are healthier, safer and more deeply involved in civic affairs because of the efforts and leadership demonstrated by Valerie; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That, for her many years of devoted service to the people of the State of Nevada and her continuing service as a mentor to the young people of this State, Senator Valerie Wiener is hereby inducted into the Senate Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

