

Senate Resolution No. 6—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 Barbara Katherine Cegavske 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 who have made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Katherine Jewson was born in Faribault, Minnesota, the fourth of six children and she graduated from Mayo High School in Rochester, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Barbara’s parents owned a small business so she and her siblings were put to work at an early age, learning the tasks necessary to make a small business successful; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Barbara moved to southern Nevada where she met Tim Cegavske, whom she married and while their two sons were in public school, Barbara began her involvement in public affairs by participating in the Parent Teacher Association; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Barbara was elected to the Nevada Assembly and in 2002, she was elected to the Nevada Senate, serving three terms in each House; and

WHEREAS, During her 18 years as a Legislator, one of Barbara’s primary concerns was education reform and she introduced many bills addressing innovations in teacher training and licensure, school choice, school governance, civics education, school attendance, English learning, adult education, and education in music and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Barbara was also deeply concerned about substance abuse, including the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco by minors and during her first session she was successful in passing a bill providing for the suspension of driver’s licenses of minors convicted of offenses involving drugs and alcohol; and

WHEREAS, As a Legislator, Barbara prevailed through sheer tenacity and firmness of purpose, as demonstrated by her tireless efforts to enact a graduated driver’s license law so that teenage drivers may gradually gain experience, having first introduced the



bill in 1999 and subsequent sessions thereafter, successfully passing the law in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Barbara's political philosophy was shaped by her experiences as a small business owner, respecting the system of free enterprise and the contributions of small businesses to economic growth; and

WHEREAS, After completing her legislative service in 2014, Barbara was elected Secretary of State where she continues to serve, however, Barbara considers her family as her most important accomplishment in her life, which includes Tim Cegavske and their two sons, Adam and Bret, and six grandchildren; 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 as a member of both the Nevada Senate and Assembly and her continuing service as the Nevada Secretary of State, Barbara Katherine Cegavske 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.

