

Assembly Resolution No. 8—Assemblymen Yeager,  
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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding former Assemblywoman  
Barbara E. Buckley 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 who made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, During her legislative tenure, Barbara advanced women’s participation in Nevada politics, making history by becoming the first woman to serve as Majority Floor Leader, from



2001 to 2007, and the first woman to serve as Speaker, from 2007 to 2010; and

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That for her 16 years of service in the Assembly and for her steadfast dedication to the State of Nevada, Barbara E. Buckley 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 former Assemblywoman Barbara E. Buckley; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

