

Senate Resolution No. 5—Senators Cannizzaro, Settelmeyer; Brooks, Buck, Denis, Donate, Dondero Loop, Goicoechea, Hammond, Hansen, Hardy, D. Harris, Kieckhefer, Lange, Neal, Ohrenschall, Pickard, Ratti, Scheible, Seevers Gansert and Spearman

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SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting David R. Parks 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, David R. Parks was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1943, raised in New Hampshire and graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1967; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from college, David enlisted in the United States Air Force and found himself headed west to Nellis Air Force Base in southern Nevada where he served until 1971; and

WHEREAS, David earned an MBA from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and began his 26-year tour of duty in local government, developing expertise in finance and planning and working for the City of Las Vegas, the Clark County Manager’s Office and the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada; and

WHEREAS, David was elected to the Assembly in 1996 and served continuously until he was elected to the Senate in 2008; and

WHEREAS, David was appointed as chair of numerous committees and to leadership positions in both houses and served in 16 special sessions and on more than 50 interim legislative committees and studies; and

WHEREAS, Senator Parks is remembered for his extensive knowledge of government finance and served a combined 18 years on the Interim Finance Committee, the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance; and

WHEREAS, Senator Parks is also remembered for the breadth of his interests and causes, as well as his persistence, quiet dignity and ability to forge bipartisan consensus; and

WHEREAS, As a longtime advocate for the LGBTQ community and other vulnerable populations, Senator Parks successfully enacted measures concerning bullying in schools, HIV and AIDS, the decriminalization of hypodermic needles, discrimination based



on sexual orientation and the authorization of domestic partnerships in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Senator Parks also worked tirelessly on legislation to allow death with dignity, to help veterans, the homeless, and wildlife and to fund and promote the arts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That David R. Parks, having dedicated over 50 years of his life to serve the people of the State of Nevada in local government, through membership in community organizations and through his service in the Assembly and the Senate, 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 adoption.

