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SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Vernon E. Bunker as an honorary member of the Senate Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Vernon E. Bunker is a native Nevadan who was born on April 23, 1904, to Martin Allen Bunker and Helen Euphemia McNeil in St. Thomas, Lincoln County, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, One of Nevada's more prominent and colorful residents, Mr. Bunker began riding the range on a mare named "Fly" at the age of 3 years, and as he matured he used to win money at rodeos in calf roping and team roping and in later years he was a cattle rancher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunker married Rose Stewart on September 7, 1926, raised four children, Patricia Ann, Jolene, William and Barry, and he is famous to his 31 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren for the "walking around money" that is always to be found in his pockets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunker served for 5 years as Bishop of the Las Vegas Third Ward of the Mormon Church and as a missionary in Front Royal, Virginia, and Kaiser, West Virginia, where he overcame misconception and distrust with his humor, warmth and Nevada hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunker worked for the First State Bank of Nevada in Las Vegas for 17 years, was a co-owner of a small dairy that later merged with Clark Dairy Company during the early 1950s, worked as an insurance agent for American Hardware Mutual where he was named "Field Representative of the Year" and later opened his own insurance agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunker was a former member of the board of directors of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Scholarship Foundation for the Rebels' Club, former member of the board of directors of the Henderson Boys' Club, a charter member of the Clark County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and a member of the board of directors of the Southern Nevada Horse Racing Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunker represented Clark County as an Assemblyman from 1959 to 1966 and as a Senator from 1967 to 1970, participating in seven regular sessions and four special sessions, serving as Speaker Pro Tempore for 2 years and Majority Floor Leader of the Nevada Assembly for 4 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, Vernon Bunker introduced a Civil Rights bill that required equal access and seating in restaurants for all races; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunker was a member of an Interim Legislative Committee to study corporate gaming and was chairman of the Clark County Delegation for 6 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunker has served with distinction as the Senate Sergeant at Arms from 1979 to 1991, participating in seven regular sessions and two special sessions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunker's dedicated expertise and friendly personality will be sorely missed by legislators, staff and friends from all over Nevada when he retires after this session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bunker and his present wife, Earline, look forward to spending quality time with loved ones and friends at their home in Logandale; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada wishes to recognize Vernon E. Bunker for his dedicated service as Sergeant at Arms and for his term of office as an elected member of the Senate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Vernon E. Bunker, who exemplified the highest and best standards of public service as a Senator and Sergeant at Arms, is hereby inducted as an honorary member of the Senate Hall of Fame of the 66th session of the Legislature of the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted forthwith by the Secretary of the Senate to Mr. Vernon E. Bunker and to his children Patricia Ann, Jolene, William and Barry.