

Assembly Resolution No. 11—Assemblymen Buckley, Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack

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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding Virgil M. Getto to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

WHEREAS, The Nevada Assembly has established an Assembly Wall of Distinction for those past members selected by leadership who served with great distinction and who made exemplary contributions to the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Virgil M. Getto, a native Nevadan and lifelong resident of Fallon, is the son of Italian immigrant parents who settled in Nevada to start a new life, and was educated in the Churchill County schools and entered the family ranching business; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Virgil M. Getto was elected to the National Council of the Future Farmers of America (FFA), later serving as Vice President of the Pacific Region that encompassed eight western states, and he stated during his legislative tenure that the leadership training and public speaking skills he acquired through FFA led him to achieve extraordinary things, and in 2006 Virgil was honored for his 60 years of leadership in the FFA; and

WHEREAS, Virgil entered public service in the Nevada Parent Teachers Association and served as President in 1960, then won election to the Churchill County School Board in 1962; and

WHEREAS, First elected to the Assembly in 1966, Virgil has the unique distinction of being a legislative freshman five times—three times in the Assembly (1967, 1979 and 1983) and twice in the Senate (1981 and 1989), serving 12 regular sessions and 4 special sessions, a total of 24 years; and

WHEREAS, While in the Assembly, Virgil served as Minority Floor Leader (1975) and as a Member of the Committees on Agriculture (Chairman, 1969 and 1971), Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Commerce, Economic Development, Tourism and Mining, Education, Environment and Public Resources, Government Affairs, Health and Welfare, Labor and Management, Legislative Functions, Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining



(Chairman, 1985), Taxation, Transportation and Ways and Means; and

WHEREAS, After winning reelection to his Assembly seat, Virgil was appointed in 1980 to fill a vacancy in the Senate, and after completing his term in the Senate, he was again elected to the Assembly, serving from 1982 until 1988, when he was elected to again serve in the Senate, where he served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources in 1991; and

WHEREAS, While serving as a Senator, Virgil represented the largest state legislative district in the contiguous United States at that time, covering nearly half of the State of Nevada, encompassing parts of Churchill, Eureka and Lander Counties and all of Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, Mineral and White Pine Counties, until his retirement in 1992; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his retirement, Senator Getto remarked that the education of Nevada's children should be the number one issue in the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, As a Legislator, Virgil was a proponent of issues dealing with natural resources, the construction of a maximum security prison in Ely, designation of U.S. Highway No. 95 as the Veterans' Memorial Highway, and the construction of two new buildings in the Capitol Complex—the Nevada Supreme Court and the Nevada State Library and Archives; and

WHEREAS, Virgil is a fervent supporter of education and has made numerous personal and professional contributions to the community college system, particularly the Western Nevada Community College's Fallon campus, which honored him in 2004 by naming a building Virgil Getto Hall in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the College, including serving with distinction on the College's foundation and regional advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, Virgil was appointed to the Nevada Silver Haired Legislative Forum and served as Vice President as well as a member of the Forum's Committee on Human Resources and Facilities, and he was appointed to the National Silver Haired Congress, representing Nevada's Second Congressional District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Assemblyman and Senator Virgil M. Getto, a dynamic leader who served his constituents and community for 24 years and who contributed to the protection of Nevada's natural resources and promoted education, is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

