
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 7—ASSEMBLYMEN FRIERSON,
BENITEZ-THOMPSON AND TITUS

MAY 24, 2021

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Adds former Deputy Research Director of the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau Marsheilah D. Lyons to the Assembly Wall of Distinction. (BDR R-1157)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding former Deputy Research Director of the Research Division of the Legislative Counsel Bureau Marsheilah D. Lyons to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

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

6 WHEREAS, Marsheilah D. Lyons was born in 1971 in Fort
7 Bragg, North Carolina, to a military family that traveled the world
8 before eventually settling in Algiers, Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, Marsheilah always possessed a love of learning and
10 excelled academically, graduating at the top of her class from O.
11 Perry Walker High School in New Orleans at the age of 16, and
12 subsequently earning a Bachelor of Science in Occupational
13 Education and Human Services from Wayland Baptist University
14 and a Master of Arts in Christian Education with an emphasis in
15 Social Work from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Her family and career paths eventually led
18 Marsheilah to northern Nevada where she pursued her calling to
19 public service, working in various community relations and
20 educational settings before accepting a position as Senior Research



1 Analyst with the Research Division of the Nevada Legislative
2 Counsel Bureau in August 2000; and

3 WHEREAS, While she served as the lead Committee Policy
4 Analyst for many legislative committees, it was Marsheilah's long-
5 standing contributions to health and human services-related
6 committees where she had the most profound impact, specifically
7 the Assembly and Senate Committees on Health and Human
8 Services, and numerous interim committees, including the
9 Legislative Committee on Health Care; the Legislative Committee
10 on Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs; and
11 the Subcommittee to Conduct a Study of Postacute Care; and

12 WHEREAS, She was well-known for her expertise in health care
13 matters, capably advising legislators and colleagues in her
14 thoughtful, impartial, yet convincing way and becoming a
15 prominent state and national expert in the field through her
16 involvement with the National Conference of State Legislatures and
17 the Council of State Governments; and

18 WHEREAS, Marsheilah was noted for her outstanding
19 management skills, emotional intelligence, political savvy, quick wit
20 and, perhaps most importantly, her compassion for others, kindness
21 and keen sense of justice, which contributed to her quick ascension
22 through the ranks of the Research Division and her appointment as
23 Deputy Research Director in 2019; and

24 WHEREAS, Despite her unmatched professional
25 accomplishments, Marsheilah's most important role was that of wife
26 to William, mother to daughter Marshay and son William III,
27 mother-in-law to Quentin, grandmother to Zara, as a loving
28 daughter, sister, aunt and friend, and dedicated servant to God and
29 her church, the Greater New Hope Baptist Church in Reno, Nevada;
30 now, therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
32 for her dedicated service and unparalleled contributions to the
33 Nevada Legislature and the State of Nevada as a whole, for the joy
34 she brought to those around her, and for her endearing friendship to
35 us all, former Deputy Research Director, Marsheilah D. Lyons, is
36 hereby added to the Assembly Wall of Distinction; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
38 transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of former Deputy
39 Research Director Marsheilah Lyons; and be it further

40 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
41 adoption.

