

Assembly Resolution No. 7—Assemblymen Frierson,  
Benitez-Thompson and Titus

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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.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Her family and career paths eventually led Marsheilah to northern Nevada where she pursued her calling to public service, working in various community relations and educational settings before accepting a position as Senior Research Analyst with the Research Division of the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau in August 2000; and

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

WHEREAS, She was well-known for her expertise in health care matters, capably advising legislators and colleagues in her thoughtful, impartial, yet convincing way and becoming a prominent state and national expert in the field through her



involvement with the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments; and

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That for her dedicated service and unparalleled contributions to the Nevada Legislature and the State of Nevada as a whole, for the joy she brought to those around her, and for her endearing friendship to us all, former Deputy Research Director, Marsheilah D. Lyons, 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 the family of former Deputy Research Director Marsheilah Lyons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

