



Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 16

Introduced by Senators Rhoads, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Raggio, Schneider, Tiffany, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

Assemblymen Carpenter, Allen, Anderson, Angle, Arberry, Atkinson, Buckley, Christensen, Claborn, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Giunchigliani, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hettrick, Hogan, Holcomb, Horne, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, McCleary, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegvera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Pierce, Seale, Sherer, Sibley, Smith and Weber

WHEREAS, In 1864, Congress established the National Statuary Hall in the Old Hall of the House of Representatives in the United States Capitol and authorized each state to contribute two statues that represent important historical figures of that state to the National Statuary Hall; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, the Nevada Legislature approved a bill providing for the creation of a statue of Sarah Winnemucca for placement in the National Statuary Hall Collection located in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. and provided for the designation of a committee to select an artist to create the statue and approve its design; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's First Lady Dema Guinn served as Honorary Chair of the Sarah Winnemucca Selection Committee and also spearheaded efforts by the Nevada Women's History Project to raise the funds necessary for completing and placing the original statue in the United States Capitol and a full-size replica of the statue in the Nevada State Capitol in Carson City; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs provided administrative support for the project, ensuring that all funds raised were spent on the creation, transportation, documentation and placement of the statues; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Winnemucca, born near Nevada's Humboldt River in about 1844, was the daughter of Chief Winnemucca and the granddaughter of the formidable Chief Truckee of the Northern Paiute Tribe, who led John C. Fremont and his men across the Great Basin to California; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Winnemucca's life was filled with remarkable achievements, including serving as an interpreter for the United States Army and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, serving as a scout, peacemaker and interpreter during the Bannock War of 1878, becoming the first Native American woman to write and publish a book, and establishing a nongovernmental school for Paiute children that became a model for future educational facilities for Native American youth; and

WHEREAS, As a tireless spokeswoman for Native Americans, Sarah Winnemucca was an advocate for the rights of her people throughout the United States and even brought her message before President Rutherford B. Hayes and the Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In fighting for justice, peace and equality for all persons, Sarah Winnemucca represented the highest ideals of America; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Winnemucca's wisdom, activism and determination made an invaluable and enduring contribution to the political and cultural history of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2005, a 6-foot-4-inch bronze statue of Sarah Winnemucca, sculpted by artist Benjamin Victor, was unveiled in the rotunda of the United States Capitol before a delegation of state and national officials and hundreds of Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, Today, April 6, 2005, a full-size replica of the Sarah Winnemucca statue representing Nevada in the United States Capitol is being unveiled at the Nevada State Capitol in Carson City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature is hereby proud to recognize the unveiling of the statue of Sarah Winnemucca and its inclusion in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature is honored to celebrate the unveiling of a full-size replica of the Sarah Winnemucca statue at the Nevada State Capitol in Carson City which will serve to memorialize her lifetime of accomplishments and signify her position as a distinguished citizen of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Kenny Guinn and Nevada's First Lady Dema Guinn, to each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, to Scott K. Sisco, Interim Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs, to Joan M. LeMere, State President of Nevada Women's History Project, and to artist and sculptor Benjamin Victor.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
April 6, 2005

Jarraine T. Hunt
President of the Senate

Claire J. Cliff
Secretary of the Senate

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY
April 6, 2005

Richard Beck
Speaker of the Assembly

Nancy S. Pilelile
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

