
ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 9—ASSEMBLYMEN HAMBRICK,
PAUL ANDERSON AND KIRKPATRICK

MAY 8, 2015

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Adds former Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce to the
Assembly Wall of Distinction. (BDR R-1273)

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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 Assemblywoman
Peggy Pierce 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 of the Assembly selected by leadership who served
- 4 with great distinction and who made exemplary contributions to the
- 5 State of Nevada; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Margaret Comstock “Peggy” Pierce was born in
- 7 1954 in Milton, Massachusetts, the seventh of eight children, whose
- 8 parents were active in the civil rights movement; and
- 9 WHEREAS, As a teenager, Peggy and her family lived in the
- 10 Midwest, but by the early 1970s Peggy struck out on her own and
- 11 moved to San Francisco, where she lived for 16 years, then moved to
- 12 Las Vegas in 1988 to pursue her hopes of becoming a professional
- 13 singer; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Peggy supported herself by working as a food server
- 15 in a major hotel and later became an active labor representative on
- 16 behalf of people who work in the culinary industry; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Peggy was first elected to the Nevada Assembly in
- 18 November 2002 and served in leadership as Chief Deputy Whip in
- 19 2011 and Senior Chief Deputy Whip in 2013, with her committee
- 20 work primarily focused on three standing committees: Government
- 21 Affairs, Health and Human Services, and Taxation; and
- 22 WHEREAS, During her service, Assemblywoman Pierce was the
- 23 primary sponsor of successful legislation concerning elder abuse,
- 24 permanent total disabilities, employees of senior housing facilities,
- 25 hospice care, motor vehicles, the protection of personal identifying



1 information, statutory liens, fire protection, guardianships,
2 recycling, safety in children's products, prevailing wage, and
3 warnings regarding the hazards of smoking during pregnancy; and

4 WHEREAS, In the interim period between legislative sessions,
5 Assemblywoman Pierce served on a number of study committees
6 and task forces, including the Advisory Board for the Nevada Task
7 Force for Technological Crime, the Advisory Board on Maternal and
8 Child Health, the Legislative Committee for Local Government Taxes
9 and Finance, the Legislative Committee on Public Lands
10 Subcommittee to Study Wilderness Areas and Wilderness Study
11 Areas, the Legislative Committee on Health Care and the Legislative
12 Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional
13 Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System, which she
14 also chaired; and

15 WHEREAS, Peggy maintained particular interest and advocacy in
16 all matters where the people were largely without a voice and was
17 deeply committed to quality public education, clean energy,
18 improved air quality, environmental protection, workers' rights and
19 women's issues; and

20 WHEREAS, Frustrated that Nevada continued to lag behind most
21 other states in education and quality-of-life issues, Peggy zealously
22 advocated measures that would increase the revenue needed to
23 improve Nevada's rankings; and

24 WHEREAS, Peggy was first diagnosed with cancer near the start of
25 her legislative career, survived three recurrences of the disease and
26 courageously battled that foe through six regular and eight special
27 sessions, including the last days of the 2013 Session of the Nevada
28 Legislature, when the ravages of the disease forced her to work while
29 confined to a wheelchair, where she continued to serve and vote on
30 remaining legislative measures; and

31 WHEREAS, In the many tributes concerning the life of Peggy
32 Pierce, a number of descriptions helped frame all that she was,
33 descriptive words such as courageous, principled, thoughtful,
34 dedicated, smart, passionate, tenacious, committed, compassionate
35 and respected; and

36 WHEREAS, The legacy of Peggy Pierce will live on in those
37 causes she believed in and fought for and in her dedication to
38 enhance the lives of so many; now, therefore, be it

39 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That,
40 for her many years of dedicated service to the Assembly,
41 Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce is hereby added to the Assembly
42 Wall of Distinction.

