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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 12—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, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLUM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, STEWART, WEBER AND WOMACK

MAY 8, 2007

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Adds Marvin M. Sedway to the Assembly Wall of Distinction. (BDR R-1492)

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

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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Adding Marvin M. Sedway to the Assembly Wall of Distinction.

- 1       WHEREAS, The Nevada Assembly has established an Assembly  
2 Wall of Distinction for those past members selected by leadership  
3 who served with great distinction and who made exemplary  
4 contributions to the State of Nevada; and  
5       WHEREAS, Marvin M. Sedway, a native of New York, moved to  
6 Las Vegas at the age of 8 years when the city’s population was a  
7 mere 8,000 inhabitants, and he later graduated from Las Vegas High  
8 School and the University of Nevada, Reno, and then obtained his  
9 doctorate in optometry from the Pacific University College of  
10 Optometry in Oregon; and  
11       WHEREAS, Having a father who worked for Bugsy Siegel at the  
12 Flamingo Hotel, Marvin Sedway was never embarrassed by his  
13 family’s involvement with the early gaming establishment in  
14 Nevada; and  
15       WHEREAS, After returning to and settling in Clark County,  
16 Nevada, Dr. Sedway was known to drive over 100 miles 1 day each  
17 week in order to treat the children in the communities surrounding  
18 Las Vegas; and



1 WHEREAS, Elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1982, Marvin M.  
2 Sedway served until 1990, and during his tenure, he served on the  
3 Assembly Committees on Commerce, Education, Health and  
4 Welfare, and Legislative Functions, and as the Chairman of the  
5 Committee on Ways and Means and the Interim Finance  
6 Committee, 1987 to 1989; and

7 WHEREAS, Marvin M. Sedway passionately believed in  
8 improving the lives of all Nevadans and was a champion of the  
9 disadvantaged, poor, disenfranchised and especially children, and  
10 even though he knew it was politically unpopular, he openly  
11 advocated raising taxes to improve the quality of life in Nevada; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Sedway is credited with making Nevada's  
13 community college system one of the finest in the West, contending  
14 that community colleges should not be shortchanged in favor of the  
15 universities and recognizing that students who would become  
16 mechanics and blue-collar workers deserved education as much as  
17 the students who became doctors and lawyers; and

18 WHEREAS, As Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means,  
19 Assemblyman Sedway introduced legislation authorizing the  
20 issuance of bonds to fund a new Supreme Court Building and a  
21 State Library and Archives Building, reflecting his recognition of  
22 Carson City as the seat of State Government; and

23 WHEREAS, In the years following his death in 1990, the student  
24 cafeteria on the Carson City campus of Western Nevada Community  
25 College was named the Sedway Café, and the Legislative Counsel  
26 Bureau's Carson City staff building was named the Sedway Office  
27 Building in recognition of Dr. Sedway's persistent work to acquire  
28 and remodel the building; and

29 WHEREAS, The Marvin M. Sedway Middle School located in  
30 Las Vegas was dedicated in 2002 in honor of Dr. Sedway's  
31 reverence for learning and education, and the school's mission  
32 statement is an acronym on SEDWAY—Strength in diversity,  
33 Excellence in academics, Desire to achieve all goals, Wisdom in all  
34 judgments, Appreciation for the arts, Yearning for lifelong  
35 learning—which articulates the importance of education so strongly  
36 associated with Marvin M. Sedway; and

37 WHEREAS, Marvin M. Sedway was known for speaking his  
38 mind and using colorful expressions such as, "If there's no penalty  
39 for doing it wrong, there's no incentive to do it right" and "It will be  
40 a great day when our schools get all the money they need and the  
41 Air Force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber"; and

42 WHEREAS, Dr. Sedway was a man who did not mince words,  
43 who said what had to be said and what others were afraid to say,  
44 who lived life by his own rules, unfaltering in his principles,



1 realizing that what really mattered was the principle, not the  
2 popularity; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That  
4 Assemblyman Marvin M. Sedway, a leader of the legislative process  
5 whose courage, sincerity and passion for public service improved  
6 the lives of all Nevadans, is hereby added to the Assembly Wall of  
7 Distinction.

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