

Distinguished Nevadan Nomination Form

Deadline: December 31

Please send all nominations to:

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1. **Salutation:** Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms. Dr.

2. **Nominee's Name** *(Please ensure correct spelling.):*

Mr. Theron Goynes and Mrs. Naomi Goynes

3. **Nominee's Mailing Address:** _____

4. **Nominee's Phone Number:** **Work:** _____ **Home:** _____

5. **Employment History** *(Attach additional material if necessary.):*

Please see #7 – Reason for Nomination below.

6. **Educational Background** *(Attach additional material if necessary.):*

Theron H. Goynes:

Baccalaureate – Prairie View A&M University, Texas (1952);

Master of Arts – Arizona State College (now Northern Arizona University) (1963)

Naomi D. Goynes:

Baccalaureate – University of Arkansas

7. Reasons for Nomination *(Please include outstanding accomplishments, achievements, and contributions to Nevada and its people. Please be specific and provide considerable detail. You may attach additional pages if necessary.):*

Together, Mr. Theron H. and Mrs. Naomi Goynes have spent a combined total of 63 years as teachers and administrators in the Clark County School District. Mr. Goynes as a teacher, counselor, adult education coordinator, assistant principal and principal. Mrs. Goynes as a teacher, reading specialist, dean of students and junior high school assistant principal. In addition to Mr. Goynes services as an educator, he served as a North Las Vegas City councilman for 20 years. Twelve of those years were spent as mayor pro-temp. In September of 1981, Mr. Goynes became the first elected African American in Nevada history to head a government body when he chaired a council meeting in the absence of the mayor.

After graduating from Prairie View A& M University in 1952, Mr. Goynes joined the United States Air Force and served his country for four years. Upon his honorable discharge, and after accepting a teaching appointment in Nashville, Arkansas, he met and fell in love with his wife, Naomi. The Goynes moved to Las Vegas in 1964 and have been making a difference in their community of North Las Vegas ever since. Mr. and Mrs. Goynes have been honored with numerous awards for their contributions to the community, including garnering the distinction of having named after them the Theron H. Goynes Park (1998) and the Theron H. & Naomi D. Goynes Elementary School (2005).

8. Other NSHE Awards *(Please list other awards this individual has received.)* _____

CSN Foundation 2010 Legacy of Achievement award recipients.

9. Nominated by*: Regent Cedric Crear (District 1)

* Candidates for the Distinguished Nevadan Award may only be nominated by a current member of the Nevada Board of Regents. (Added 6/05)