

1 **RESOLUTION HONORING UTAH'S GOLD**

2 **MEDALIST**

3 1998 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: David Ure**

6 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR
7 COMMENDING NIKKI STONE, THE FIRST UTAHN TO WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN THE
8 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES, FOR HER VICTORY IN THE WOMEN'S FREESTYLE
9 AERIAL SKIING COMPETITION AT THE 1998 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN
10 NAGANO, JAPAN.

11 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

12 WHEREAS on Wednesday, February 18, 1998, at the Olympic Winter Games in Nagano,
13 Japan, Nikki Stone won the Gold Medal in the Women's Freestyle Aerial Skiing Competition;

14 WHEREAS Nikki Stone's victory was the culmination of many years of tremendous effort
15 and preparation;

16 WHEREAS Nikki, a student at the University of Utah, first became interested in skiing
17 while still in her teens, and in 1991 won the North American Aerials Title;

18 WHEREAS in 1992 Nikki Stone was named World Cup Rookie of the Year;

19 WHEREAS two years later she competed in her first Olympic Games, placing 13th at the
20 1994 Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway;

21 WHEREAS in 1995, Nikki won the World Cup aerial title and the World Championships;

22 WHEREAS in 1997, Nikki tripled her normal practice schedule as part of her intense
23 preparation for the 1998 Olympic Winter Games;

24 WHEREAS her triumph not only marks the realization of her own athletic dream, but is
25 also the first time a Utahn has captured a Gold Medal in the Olympic Winter Games; and

26 WHEREAS the state of Utah is proud to welcome its first winter gold medalist home after
27 a hard-earned and well-deserved victory:

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
2 Governor concurring therein, honor Nikki Stone for winning the Gold Medal in the Women's
3 Freestyle Aerial Skiing Competition at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express the gratitude
5 of the entire state for representing Utah in such honorable, heroic fashion, and express best wishes
6 for her continued success in the future.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Nikki Stone, the
8 United States Ski and Snowboard Association, the Salt Lake Olympic Committee, and the United
9 States Olympic Committee.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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