

**SUPPORT FOR WENDOVER UTAH-NEVADA  
ENOLA GAY RESTORATION PROJECT**

1998 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE SUPPORTING THE WENDOVER, UTAH-NEVADA ENOLA GAY RESTORATION PROJECT AND ITS EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE HISTORIC PLANE IS PERMANENTLY LOCATED IN WENDOVER.

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS the Enola Gay #86292, was built in Omaha, Nebraska in 1944;

WHEREAS her dedicated B29 crew members, the first in history to be involved with an atomic bomb, brought about an unprecedented and abrupt end to World War II and saved hundreds of thousands of lives;

WHEREAS the Enola Gay, her crew members and hundreds of support personnel were briefed, trained, and sworn to absolute secrecy while stationed at a remote airfield called Wendover, Utah-Nevada;

WHEREAS since that time, Wendover, Utah-Nevada, located on East-West Interstate 80, has become a successful tourist attraction world and nationwide, with countless visitors each year;

WHEREAS not only does Wendover, Utah-Nevada have the Enola Gay heritage and history to its credit, it also is the site of world land speed records at the vast Salt Flats Speedway;

WHEREAS the twin cities of Wendover, Utah-Nevada have pledged to restore the Enola Gay Hanger Number 1 and other base facilities for the purpose of an air and land speed museum and memorial to display and report the true history of the historic plane;

WHEREAS the Enola Gay legacy and a true, authentic story should endure the test of time for the benefit of all future Americans and international visitors;

WHEREAS given the significance of the origins of the historic plane, the most appropriate and permanent home for the Enola Gay is in Wendover, Utah-Nevada;

WHEREAS the cities of Wendover, Utah-Nevada are ready and willing to commit to the Enola Gay project immediately, with the goal of restoring the plane to its original state and

permanently locating it in the Enola Gay Hanger Number 1 at Wendover, Utah-Nevada; and

WHEREAS having the Enola Gay and other armed services memorabilia that were involved with the assembly, test drop, and training for the first atomic bomb would add to Wendover, Utah-Nevada's worldwide attraction:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, support the Wendover, Utah-Nevada Enola Gay restoration project and its efforts to ensure that the Enola Gay returns for permanent display to her place of honor in Wendover, Utah-Nevada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of Utah's congressional delegation, and the Nevada Legislature.