

**RESOLUTION URGING UTAHNS TO HOST PARENTS OF
OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC ATHLETES IN 2002 OLYMPIC
WINTER GAMES AND 2002 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: David Ure

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR URGING THE CITIZENS OF UTAH TO HOST THE PARENTS OF ATHLETES COMPETING IN THE 2002 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES AND 2002 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES.

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

WHEREAS, the state of Utah looks forward eagerly to welcoming the many athletes from around the world who will compete in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and the VIII Paralympic Winter Games;

WHEREAS, many athletes are at this moment engaged in intense training and preparation for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and the VIII Paralympic Winter Games;

WHEREAS, the parents of these aspiring Olympians and Paralympians have supported and encouraged their daughters and sons to pursue their Olympic dreams;

WHEREAS, for many years these parents have sacrificed greatly to help their children prepare for their quest for victory;

WHEREAS, this sacrifice may prevent those parents from attending the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and the VIII Paralympic Winter Games and supporting their loved ones for financial reasons;

WHEREAS, elected leaders of the state of Utah want to open their homes to these parents so that one more financial barrier to their attendance at these Games may be lifted; and

WHEREAS, Utahns can play a vital role in making the Olympic dream not only a memory but a personal experience for many parents of Olympic competitors:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, pledge to open our homes to the parents of the athletes who will compete in the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and the VIII Paralympic Winter Games.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage all Utahns to offer a warm welcome and a place to stay so that parents of competing athletes may join us in celebrating the achievements and triumphs of the world's Olympians and Paralympians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the National Paralympic Committee, and the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee.