

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
CONTRIBUTIONS OF RICHARD V. STRONG**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Al Mansell**

**This joint resolution recognizes the outstanding contributions of Richard V. Strong to the Legislature. The resolution recognizes his 30 years of legislative service, including 15 years as the director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.**

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

WHEREAS, Richard V. Strong began his service with the Utah Legislature in 1971;

WHEREAS, in 1985, Mr. Strong was named director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong's service to the Legislature was distinguished by enthusiasm, commitment to excellence, willingness to tackle difficult challenges, and integrity;

WHEREAS, throughout his many years in state service, Mr. Strong demonstrated professionalism and a determination to provide the best service to legislators;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong managed a professional legislative staff office of nearly 60 employees whose service to the Legislature was greatly enhanced by his faith, support, and loyalty;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong led by example in serving the needs of 104 legislators and responding with professionalism to their unique needs;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong's leadership and management of the office brought considerable credibility to the state's legislative process;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong routinely deflected praise for the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel's performance to his staff;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong presided during a time of great change in the technological tools used by staff to serve the Legislature;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong facilitated these technological advances, encouraging development of online access to legislative information for the Legislature and the public;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong helped staff to adapt to these changes and to continually improve the manner in which it met the needs of legislators;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong accepted, on behalf of the office, the 1998 Roy B. Gibson Freedom of Information Award from the Utah Headliners Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, for making the Utah Legislature website one of the very best, most useful legislative websites in the nation;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong worked with genuine enthusiasm for the people he served, the legislative process, and the challenges he tackled on behalf of the Legislature;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong's commitment to excellence was of great benefit to legislators and the public and served as a guiding influence to his staff;

WHEREAS, Mr. Strong's actions in service to the Legislature clearly demonstrated that integrity came before all else; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature as an institution will long bear the mark of Mr. Strong's steady leadership behind the scenes in support of the Legislature:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah recognize the outstanding contributions of Richard V. Strong to the success of the Legislative Branch in carrying out its duty to serve the needs of the citizens of Utah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah wish Richard and his family well in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Richard V. Strong.