

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING**
2 **UTAH SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL**

3 2001 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: John W. Hickman**

6 **This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the Utah**
7 **Shakespearean Festival for the consistently high caliber of professional theatre it provides**
8 **to the citizens of Utah and the nation and for winning the 2000 Antoinette Perry "Tony"**
9 **Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre. The resolution recognizes the efforts of festival**
10 **founder and executive producer Fred C. Adams for his contributions to the festival's**
11 **enduring success and popularity.**

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

13 WHEREAS, the Utah Shakespearean Festival was founded in 1961 by Fred C. Adams and
14 presented its first season in 1962;

15 WHEREAS, under Mr. Adams' tutelage, the Utah Shakespearean Festival has grown from
16 a budget of \$1,000 and 3,276 paid admissions in 1961 to a 2000 annual budget of \$5.1 million and
17 155,000 paid admissions;

18 WHEREAS, as founder and executive producer of the Utah Shakespearean Festival, Mr.
19 Adams' continuing role in the success of the festival includes safeguarding the festival's standards,
20 helping to choose the right combination of directors and designers, selecting upcoming seasons,
21 raising necessary operating and development funds and greeting thousands of theatre patrons who
22 flock each season to the festival;

23 WHEREAS, the Utah Shakespearean Festival is considered by many to be one of the most
24 prestigious repertory theatres and Shakespeare Festivals in the United States;

25 WHEREAS, the Utah Shakespearean Festival is celebrating its fortieth year;

26 WHEREAS, on June 4, 2000 the Utah Shakespearean Festival was recognized with the
27 Antoinette Perry "Tony" Award as America's Outstanding Regional Theatre by recommendation



28 of the American Theatre Critics Association;

29 WHEREAS, the recommendation was acted upon by the American Theatre Wing and the
30 League of American Theatres and Producers in New York City;

31 WHEREAS, the Utah Shakespearean Festival's "Tony" Award for outstanding Regional
32 Theatre follows national and international recognition for the consistent excellence of the festival;

33 WHEREAS, the Utah Shakespearean Festival promotes and encourages tourism from
34 within and without the state boundaries resulting in significant economic benefit for Cedar City,
35 Iron County, and the entire state; and

36 WHEREAS, the state of Utah is indebted to Mr. Adams and all those who work with him
37 for establishing professional theatre of the highest quality in the state of Utah:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
39 Governor concurring therein, recognize the Utah Shakespearean Festival for the consistently high
40 caliber of professional theatre it provides to the citizens of Utah and the nation and for winning
41 the 2000 Antoinette Perry "Tony" Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize the efforts
43 of Fred C. Adams, festival founder and executive producer, in helping the festival to achieve and
44 maintain its enduring success and popularity.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Fred C.
46 Adams.

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

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