

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING

DELTA AIR LINES

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Dan R. Eastman

House Sponsor: Ben C. Ferry

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor honors Delta Air Lines for its economic impact on the state.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ honors Delta Air Lines for its commitment to Utah and its enormous impact on economic development in the state; and
- ▶ honors Delta Air Lines for helping to make sure that the first impressions of visitors to Utah is positive.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, last year, Delta Air Lines celebrated its 75th year serving passengers;

WHEREAS, in 1926, Western Air Express, which became Western Air Lines, began passenger operations at the Salt Lake Airport;

WHEREAS, in 1982, Western Air Lines made Salt Lake City an operational hub;

WHEREAS, in 1987, Western Air Lines merged with Delta Air Lines and the Salt Lake City hub operations were significantly expanded;

WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines and its connection carriers, including Sky West, are responsible for over 700 airplane arrivals and departures each day to bring over 13 million

passengers to and from Utah every year;

WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines recently expanded its Salt Lake City hub resulting in 750 additional jobs in Utah;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake City Airport will gain 58 new flights each day and 13 new destinations at Salt Lake International Airport as a result of Delta's realignment;

WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines was a sponsor of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City and carried the Olympic torch from Athens, Greece, to Atlanta, Georgia, to begin its relay into Salt Lake City;

WHEREAS, Delta Air Lines also bought the naming rights for a 20-year period to the Delta Center in 1991 for \$25 million, helping to finance the facility for Utah; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the state is considering ways to increase tourism, it is appropriate to honor the airline that will bring most of the tourists to Utah:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, honor Delta Air Lines for its commitment to Utah and its enormous impact on economic development in the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor honor Delta Air Lines for helping to make sure that the first impression that visitors to Utah have is a positive one.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Gerald Grinstein, Chief Executive Officer of Delta Air Lines.