

1                   **WAR VETERANS' MEMORIAL ON CAPITOL HILL JOINT**

2                                   **RESOLUTION**

3   2010 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Rebecca Chavez-Houck**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: Benjamin M. McAdams

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8                   **LONG TITLE**

9                   **General Description:**

10                   This joint resolution of the Legislature expresses support for efforts to create a  
11                   monument at the Utah State Capitol Complex to honor war veterans whose suffering  
12                   continued after their military service.

13                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                   This resolution:

- 15                   ▶ expresses support for the creation of a memorial on the Utah State Capitol Complex
- 16                   grounds for veterans of foreign wars who have suffered and died from war-related
- 17                   injuries received during their military service; and
- 18                   ▶ expresses support for the memorial as a fitting tribute to those whose sacrifices
- 19                   continued after their military service.

20                   **Special Clauses:**

21                   None

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

24                   WHEREAS, many soldiers fought and sacrificed, selflessly serving their country on  
25                   foreign soil;

26                   WHEREAS, many who served abroad in the United States Armed Forces experienced  
27                   great pain, and struggle not only from injuries sustained in battle, but also from adjusting to a  
28                   life permanently altered by their injuries;

29                   WHEREAS, these individuals who valiantly served their nation despite their suffering

30 through the war, survived, and realized the fatal complications from their military service later  
31 in life;

32 WHEREAS, the United States has established a memorial to honor those who have  
33 given their lives on battlefields abroad;

34 WHEREAS, we should never forget those American military personnel who died in the  
35 service of their nation during these conflicts;

36 WHEREAS, veterans who survived their military service, but whose sufferings  
37 continued long after the wars ended, also merit recognition and remembrance;

38 WHEREAS, as a tribute to these veterans, a memorial should be created and housed at  
39 the Utah State Capitol Complex;

40 WHEREAS, the memorial should include a list of the names of Utah's injured veterans  
41 of foreign wars;

42 WHEREAS, a committee should be designated to set criteria and qualifications for the  
43 memorial and to review proposals for its creation;

44 WHEREAS, in consideration of the current economic climate, funding for the  
45 memorial should be raised privately, with the understanding that the memorial's design and  
46 location would be designated by the Capitol Preservation Board;

47 WHEREAS, many veterans of foreign wars die every year from the after-effects of  
48 their service, and for them, in a very real sense, the fight is not over;

49 WHEREAS, veterans who have served, sacrificed, and paid the ultimate price merit  
50 recognition and remembrance; and

51 WHEREAS, a memorial dedicated to the sacrifices made by these veterans of foreign  
52 wars would more fully demonstrate the appreciation of the citizens of Utah for the service of  
53 these battle-scarred veterans and remembrance of their ongoing battles:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
55 expresses its support for efforts to create a memorial at the Utah State Capitol Complex to  
56 honor veterans of foreign wars who have suffered, and in some cases died, as a result of their  
57 military service.

58           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature expresses support for the memorial  
59 as a fitting tribute to those whose sacrifices continued after their service.

60           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American  
61 Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Utah Department of  
62 Veteran's Affairs.