

FATHERS DO MATTER CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Representative **Lorie D. Fowlke** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 13 through 16:*

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ urges government agencies and nonprofit organizations to support responsible

15 fatherhood programs to help fathers connect with children and develop essential

16 parenting skills {~~·~~} ;~~and~~

urges that this resolution not be used as the basis for a preference of one gender over another.

2. *Page 2, Lines 44 through 52:*

44 WHEREAS, these children are significantly more likely to live in poverty, drop out of

45 school, and engage in risky behaviors; {~~and~~}

46 WHEREAS, government agencies and nonprofit organizations should understand the

47 dynamics of responsible fatherhood programs to most effectively address the impact

48 father-absent households have on families and communities {~~·~~} ;~~and~~

WHEREAS, studies show that children thrive best when they have frequent contact with healthy parents:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the

50 Governor concurring therein, urge government agencies and nonprofit organizations to support

51 responsible fatherhood programs to help fathers connect with children and develop essential

52 parenting skills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge that this resolution not be used as the basis for a preference of one gender over another.