

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CANYONLANDS  
NATIONAL PARK'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins**

House Sponsor: Joel K. Briscoe

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the 50th anniversary of Canyonlands National Park.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

► recognizes the 50th anniversary of Canyonlands National Park, with ceremonies to be held on September 12, 2014, in the Needles District of the Canyonlands National Park.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, on September 12, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed Public Law 88-590, which created Canyonlands National Park;

WHEREAS, September 12, 2014, marks 50 years since the establishment of Canyonlands National Park;

WHEREAS, the Green River and the Colorado River divide Canyonlands National Park into land districts known as the Needles, the Maze, and Island in the Sky;

WHEREAS, Canyonlands National Park is known for its canyons, buttes, and spires



28 that provide inspiration, solitude, and adventure;

29 WHEREAS, Canyonlands National Park offers multiuse recreational opportunities,  
30 including hiking, biking, river rafting, and jeeping;

31 WHEREAS, Canyonlands National Park visitation has increased from 19,400 visitors  
32 in 1965 to approximately 500,000 visitors per year;

33 WHEREAS, Canyonlands National Park encompasses 337,598 acres in four counties --  
34 San Juan, Grand, Wayne, and Garfield;

35 WHEREAS, in 1983, the 45th Legislature of the state of Utah passed H.J.R. 32 to  
36 honor Bates E. Wilson, known as the "Father of Canyonlands";

37 WHEREAS, Bates E. Wilson was instrumental in the establishment of Canyonlands  
38 National Park and became its first superintendent;

39 WHEREAS, the family of Bates E. Wilson founded the "Friend of Arches and  
40 Canyonlands Park: The Bates Wilson Legacy Fund," a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose  
41 mission is to connect people to places in ways that continue Bates Wilson's values of  
42 exploration, collaboration, and stewardship of the state's southeast national parks and  
43 monuments; and

44 WHEREAS, the Friends of Arches and Canyonlands Parks, as an official partner with  
45 the National Park Service Southeast Utah Group, agreed to assist the park service with  
46 planning and funding for a year-long celebration of Canyonlands National Park, culminating in  
47 a commemorative ceremony on September 12, 2014, in the Needles District of Canyonlands:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state Utah, the  
49 Governor concurring therein, recognizes the 50th anniversary of Canyonlands National Park,  
50 with ceremonies to be held on September 12, 2014, in the Needles District of Canyonlands.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Department  
52 of Natural Resources, the United States Department of the Interior, the San Juan County  
53 Commission, the Grand County Commission, the Wayne County Commission, the Garfield  
54 County Commission, the family of Bates E. Wilson, the Friends of Arches and Canyonlands  
55 Parks, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

**Legislative Review Note**  
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