

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PUBLIC
SAFETY WORKERS FOR OLYMPICS**

2002 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Al Mansell

This joint resolution of the Legislature recognizes the service and sacrifices of the public safety and security personnel whose many hours of labor ensured the safety and security of athletes and spectators at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. The resolution also recognizes the efforts of Robert L. Flowers, Commander of the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command, for his effectiveness in organizing and coordinating the efforts of local, state, and federal public safety personnel.

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

WHEREAS, the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, hailed as an overwhelming success beyond the most optimistic predictions, was an extraordinary achievement in public safety and security;

WHEREAS, Robert L. Flowers, Commander of the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command, organized and coordinated the state's public safety and security efforts;

WHEREAS, since 1998, over 20 committees met to formulate public safety and security plans that were eventually combined into a single master plan;

WHEREAS, over 11,000 local, state, and federal public safety, law enforcement, and security personnel contributed to keeping the Olympic Winter Games a safe event;

WHEREAS, the public safety and security services at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games represents an unprecedented integration of local, state, and federal officials;

WHEREAS, 2,400 individuals, mostly from Utah, participated as part of fire and emergency medical services, and served at venues and at temporary stations to improve emergency response time;

WHEREAS, 50 local, state, and federal agencies and representatives of the private sector worked together at the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command Center to coordinate public safety and security efforts, and to ensure the rapid dissemination of information impacting business;

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of public safety and security personnel during the intense

preparation period, including the holiday season, were supported by family members who realized the great importance of their work;

WHEREAS, despite the climate of international uncertainty, public safety and security personnel at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games succeeded in keeping the athletes and spectators safe, and allowed them to fully enjoy the Games; and

WHEREAS, Commander Robert L. Flowers brought the many public safety and security efforts together and has given tremendous service to the state, the athletes, and the spectators at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah recognizes the service and sacrifices of the public safety and security personnel whose many hours of labor ensured that the 2002 Olympic Winter Games were safe, secure, and a wonderful success for Utah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the efforts of Robert L. Flowers, Commander of the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command, who brought extraordinary organization and coordination to the efforts of local, state, and federal public safety personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Robert L. Flowers and the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command.