

**RESOLUTION HONORING**

**O. WILLIAM ASPLUND**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature honors O. William Asplund, Assistant Director in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, for his service to the state of Utah.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ honors O. William Asplund for his 28 years of service to the Utah Legislature; and
- ▶ recognizes O. William Asplund upon his retirement from the Office of Legislative

Research and General Counsel and for his years of service as Assistant Director in that office.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, O. William "Bill" Asplund was born April 29, 1939 in Alberta, Canada;

WHEREAS, Bill's grandparents were homesteaders and his father made his living as a rancher;

WHEREAS, after serving an LDS mission to England, Bill majored in economics at the University of Alberta and was recognized as the top student in his class;

WHEREAS, Bill began his graduate work in Public Finance at the University of York in England, but finished his degree at the University of Alberta;

WHEREAS, in 1962 Bill married Norma Hudson in the Cardston, Alberta LDS Temple;

WHEREAS, from 1968 to 1976, Bill served as an adjunct professor in Utah State University's Department of Economics;

WHEREAS, in 1976 he began his service with the staff of the Utah Legislature;

WHEREAS, over the years Bill's responsibilities and assignments with the Legislature have included staffing the following committees: Agriculture; Business, Labor, and Economic Development; Public Education; Public Utilities; Revenue and Taxation; and Senate Rules;

WHEREAS, Bill also staffed the following task forces: Agricultural Sustainability; Funding of Public Education; Government Revenue and Tax System; Legislative Property; and Learning Standards and Accountability in Public Education;

WHEREAS, Bill has also served on the Tax Elimination Blue Ribbon Committee and for many years has served as the Executive Director of the Tax Review Commission;

WHEREAS, since 1983, Bill has also served as the Assistant Director of the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel;

WHEREAS, Bill's intelligence and patience, his calmness in the midst of great pressure, has been of great assistance to the legislative process and those he has worked with during his service;

WHEREAS, Bill and Norma are the parents of three and the grandparents of nine, with one more soon to arrive;

WHEREAS, in his work both for the Legislature and in all areas of his life, Bill has demonstrated unique skill in understanding the root of a challenge or concern and contributing to sound discussion that yields a resolution; and

WHEREAS, Bill's rare combination of talents has served the Legislature well and he will be greatly missed upon his retirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, honor O. William "Bill" Asplund for his 28 years of service to the Legislature of the state of Utah and to the citizens of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature offers its deep gratitude to Bill and wishes him well upon his retirement from state service.

**Enrolled Copy**

**S.J.R. 11**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to  
O. William Asplund.