

1 **RESOLUTION HONORING**

2 **O. WILLIAM ASPLUND**

3 2004 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard**

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

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

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ honors O. William Asplund for his 28 years of service to the Utah Legislature; and
- 15 ▶ recognizes O. William Asplund upon his retirement from the Office of Legislative  
16 Research and General Counsel and for his years of service as Assistant Director in  
17 that office.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19 None

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, Bill began his graduate work in Public Finance at the University of York



28 in England, but finished his degree at the University of Alberta;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Legislative Review Note**  
as of 2-25-04 4:22 PM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**