

1                                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING**  
2                                   **AMERICA'S MILITARY WAR DOGS**

3                                   2005 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Sponsor: Steven R. Mascaro**

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9                   This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses gratitude for  
10 the service of war dogs and their handlers during wartime.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12                   This resolution:

13                   ▶ commends the efforts of war dogs and the many courageous and heroic  
14 accomplishments of the combat veteran dog handlers that have occurred throughout  
15 the nation's military history; and

16                   ▶ offers the Legislature's and the Governor's gratitude for the heroic duties, great  
17 feats, and sacrifice that war dogs have made as the American service person's  
18 auxiliary and best friend.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20                   None

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

23                   WHEREAS, over the course of the nation's military history, tens of thousands of war  
24 dogs have served alongside soldiers;

25                   WHEREAS, war dogs served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf  
26 War, Bosnia, the Kosovo Peacekeeping operation, and the coalition operations in Afghanistan  
27 and Iraq;



28 WHEREAS, these war dogs were specifically trained for jobs like scout, sentry, tracker,  
29 mine and booby trap detection, tunnel, water patrol, coast guard, messenger, search and rescue,  
30 explosive detection, and drug detection;

31 WHEREAS, America's military war dog teams have a long and legendary history of  
32 courage, heroism, and sacrifice on thousands of foreign fields of battle and are credited with  
33 saving countless numbers of lives of Americans, Allies, and noncombatants;

34 WHEREAS, war dogs have significantly reduced the enemy's capacity to sabotage or  
35 destroy American equipment and property worth billions of dollars;

36 WHEREAS, war dogs work for food, water, and the love, loyalty, and bonds forged  
37 with their handlers;

38 WHEREAS, not many know the special bond and sense of brotherhood that exists  
39 among the combat veteran dog handlers and their dogs;

40 WHEREAS, during wartime almost all branches of the military have depended on dogs  
41 and handlers;

42 WHEREAS, thousands of war dogs with names such as Stubby, Chips, Prince, Ranger,  
43 Rebel, Sarge, Kelly, Tiger, Smokey, and Missy never returned from their duty in harms way;

44 WHEREAS, in the Vietnam War alone over 4,000 dogs were sent into combat with less  
45 than 200 returning to the United States;

46 WHEREAS, the Vietnam Dog Handler Association has over 2,000 members from all  
47 war eras and branches of the military and civilian sectors; and

48 WHEREAS, the National War Dog Team Memorial is currently being crafted for  
49 permanent display in Washington, D.C.:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
51 Governor concurring therein, commend the efforts of war dogs and the many courageous and  
52 heroic accomplishments of the combat veteran dog handlers throughout the nation's military  
53 history.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge that the  
55 service and lifesaving efforts of war dogs and their handlers be remembered by the citizens of  
56 the state of Utah.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor offer their  
58 gratitude for the heroic duties, great feats, and sacrifice that war dogs have made as the

59 American service person's auxiliary and best friend.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Vietnam

61 Dog Handlers Association.

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**Legislative Review Note**

**as of 2-4-05 6:41 AM**

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number HCR014**

**Concurrent Resolution Honoring America's Military Dogs**

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**State Impact**

Mailing provisions of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**