

**RESOLUTION HONORING SEARCHERS**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution recognizes those who participated in the search for Lori Hacking at the Salt Lake Valley Landfill.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▶ honors the tireless efforts of public safety and landfill personnel and other volunteers who searched the Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Facility for Lori Hacking.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, soon after the disappearance of Lori Hacking from her Salt Lake City neighborhood, public safety officials initiated a search of the Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Facility;

WHEREAS, rarely has a search of the landfill been undertaken because of the near certainty of failure in attempting to locate anything in a place where upward of 2,500 tons of new solid waste is deposited daily;

WHEREAS, from the very beginning of the landfill search, specially trained dogs were used and many public safety officers, landfill employees, and volunteers joined in the search;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Police Department led the landfill search, managing the many details and disappointments, before Lori's remains were discovered;

WHEREAS, searchers were driven by the deep desire to provide Lori Hacking's family

with a measure of peace, comfort, closure, and the chance for an appropriate resting place;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Police Department called on other law enforcement agencies for help and was joined by representatives of the Department of Public Safety's State Bureau of Investigation, the Utah Highway Patrol, the Bureau of Forensic Services, the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, the Duchesne County Sheriff's Office, and representatives of the West Jordan, South Jordan, Sandy, University of Utah, West Valley, Salt Lake Airport, South Salt Lake, Murray, and Midvale police departments;

WHEREAS, the search was slow, difficult, and fraught with hazards;

WHEREAS, once the search by specialty trained cadaver dogs was completed, organizers shifted to a search by hand;

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2004, after more than two months of effort, Lori Hacking's remains were located at the landfill;

WHEREAS, the depth of the difficulties involved in finding Lori Hacking can only be understood by those who took part in it; and

WHEREAS, the state of Utah is grateful for the results of the search and for the miracle of finding Lori:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, honor those individuals who participated in the search for Lori Hacking at the Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express gratitude for their service and determination to succeed in the search.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to representatives of the Salt Lake, West Jordan, South Jordan, Sandy, University of Utah, West Valley, Salt Lake Airport, South Salt Lake, Murray, and Midvale police departments, the Salt Lake and Duchesne County Sheriff's Departments, the Utah Department of Public Safety's State Bureau of Investigation, the Utah Highway Patrol, the Bureau of Forensic Services, and the Salt Lake Valley Solid Waste Facility, and each volunteer who participated in the landfill search for Lori Hacking.

