

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

3 2006 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Ed Mayne**

6 House Sponsor: Steven R. Mascaro

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

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

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

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

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

20 **Special Clauses:**

21 None

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

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

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



28 and Iraq;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor offer their

59 gratitude for the heroic duties, great feats, and sacrifice that war dogs have made as the
60 American service person's auxiliary and best friend.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Vietnam
62 Dog Handlers Association.

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

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