

Representative Carl Wimmer proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RESOLUTION URGING SCHOOL
CLOSINGS OR CEREMONIES TO RECOGNIZE VETERANS DAY**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carl Wimmer

Senate Sponsor: Jon J. Greiner

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the closing of public schools, or appropriate ceremonies at public schools, on Veterans Day.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► urges the State Board of Education to either close public schools on Veterans Day or direct public schools to hold appropriate ceremonies that will allow students to more fully recognize veterans for preserving freedom for the United States and its citizens.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, spanning from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by her citizens who stand in our place to defend the freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated;

WHEREAS, the cost of their service frequently includes the wrenching of family, the



26 horror of combat, the deep loneliness, the agonizing and lingering effects of physical and
27 emotional injury and for some, the ultimate price, their lives;

28 WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan,
29 and many other places throughout the world, and their families are in our communities;

30 WHEREAS, families hoping for safe returns experience life in a very different way
31 than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from their loved ones;

32 WHEREAS, Veterans Day deeply impacts a vast majority of Utahns;

33 WHEREAS, to all veterans, past and present, alive and passed on, honor is due from
34 those they have served;

35 WHEREAS, fitting honors are to either close public schools on Veterans Day or to hold
36 appropriate ceremonies at public schools to allow Utah's youth, many of whom have loved
37 ones in the military, to more fully recognize the significance of that day; and

38 WHEREAS, closing public schools on Veterans Day is a sign of Utah's reverence and
39 gratitude for veterans and their families:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
41 urges the Utah State Board of Education and each individual school district to either adjust
42 school schedules to provide for the closure of public schools on Veterans Day or hold
43 appropriate ceremonies at public schools so that Utah's public school students may more fully
44 honor the men and women, past and present, who have stood in harm's way on our behalf.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American
46 Legion Department of Utah, the Disabled American Veterans Department of Utah, the
47 Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Utah, the Utah State Department of Veterans Affairs,
48 and to the Utah State Board of Education.