

PHILO T. FARNSWORTH CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes Utah native Philo T. Farnsworth as the inventor of television.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► recognizes Philo T. Farnsworth for his pioneering work in the invention of the television and for his many other inventions that have impacted the lives of millions of people around the world.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, few inventors have impacted the world as much as has Utah native Philo T. Farnsworth;

WHEREAS, Philo T. Farnsworth has deep roots in Beaver, Utah, where he was born August 19, 1906, in a log cabin ~~Œ→ [and where his father had served as mayor in the 1880s] ←Œ~~ ;

WHEREAS, when he was 12, Philo T. Farnsworth's family moved to a farm in Rigby, Idaho, where he was fascinated by the electricity that powered his new home;

WHEREAS, Farnsworth was intrigued by mechanical and electrical technology and managed to convert his mother's hand-powered washing machine to an electric-powered



59 WHEREAS, later in life, the Farnsworths relocated to Utah, where Philo passed away
60 in 1971;

61 WHEREAS, for many years after his death, Elma Farnsworth worked hard to help her
62 deceased husband retain his rightful place in history;

63 WHEREAS, crediting his wife's contribution to his life's work, Farnsworth once stated,
64 "My wife and I started this TV";

65 WHEREAS, in 1999, Time Magazine included Farnsworth in the "Time 100: The Most
66 Important People of the Century"; ~~§~~→ [and]

66a **WHEREAS, the log cabin where Philo T.Farnsworth was born has been restored and**
66b **can be visited by the public; and** ←~~§~~

67 WHEREAS, a statue of Philo T. Farnsworth is one of two statues representing the state
68 of Utah in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol, a second statue of
69 Farnsworth stands in the Utah State Capitol, and a third statue stands in his hometown of
70 Beaver:

71 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
72 Governor concurring therein, recognize the life and contributions of Philo T. Farnsworth, Utah
73 native, the inventor of television and of many other inventions that have benefitted millions of
74 people around the world.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of
76 the United States, the members of Utah's congressional delegation, the Farnsworth family, ~~§~~→ **the**
76a **Utah Travel Council, AAA, the tourism directors of each county in Utah,** ←~~§~~
77 Beaver County, and Beaver City.

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