

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF DUCKS UNLIMITED

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the 75th Anniversary of Ducks Unlimited.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:
- recognizes the 75th Anniversary of Ducks Unlimited and its great efforts in habitat conservation.

Special Clauses:

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

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited is widely recognized for its wetland conservation efforts;

WHEREAS, a year-long celebration begins January 29, 2012, when Ducks Unlimited celebrates its 75th anniversary;

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited began in 1937 during the Dust Bowl when North America's drought-plagued waterfowl populations had plunged to unprecedented lows;

WHEREAS, determined not to allow the continent's waterfowl to dwindle beyond recovery, a small group of sportsmen joined together to form Ducks Unlimited with the mission of habitat conservation;

WHEREAS, thanks to decades of diligence in pursuing its mission, Ducks Unlimited is now the world's largest and most effective private waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization;

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited is able to multilaterally deliver its work through a series of partnerships with private individuals, landowners, agencies, scientific communities, and other entities;

WHEREAS, waterfowl are not the only beneficiaries of Ducks Unlimited habitat work, as wetlands improve the overall health of the environment by recharging and purifying groundwater, moderating floods, and reducing soil erosion;

WHEREAS, wetlands are nature's most productive ecosystems, providing critical habitat to more than 900 wildlife species and invaluable recreation opportunities for people to enjoy;

WHEREAS, the United States alone has lost more than half of its original wetlands and continues to lose more than 80,000 acres of wetlands each year;

WHEREAS, Ducks Unlimited is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization, and its members are conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts who live primarily throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico;

WHEREAS, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, Ducks Unlimited volunteers

56 hosted more than 5,200 grassroots fund-raising events, spent the funds raised on its highest
57 priority areas, and used them to leverage additional funds from other sources; and

58 WHEREAS, the work of conservation goes on, and Ducks Unlimited has made
59 enormous contributions to the effort:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
61 Governor concurring therein, recognize the 75th Anniversary of Ducks Unlimited and its great
62 efforts in habitat conservation.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Ducks
64 Unlimited.