

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING STEVE APPLETON**

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: John L. Valentine**

5 House Sponsor: John Dougall

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This joint resolution of the Legislature recognizes the accomplishments and
10 contributions of Steve Appleton to Utah's economy, its reputation as a high tech center,
11 and its higher education efforts.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ recognizes the accomplishments of Steve Appleton and his many contributions to
15 Utah's economy, Utah's reputation as a high tech center, and to the advancement of
16 science, technology, engineering, and math education in Utah.

17 **Special Clauses:**

18 None

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

21 WHEREAS, Steve Appleton died Friday, February 3, 2012, in an airplane accident;

22 WHEREAS, Steve Appleton was noted for his leadership of America's last remaining
23 semiconductor memory manufacturer Micron Technology (Micron), serving as chief executive
24 officer, president, and chairman for most of the period between 1994 and the present;

25 WHEREAS, Steve Appleton was instrumental in Micron choosing to build a
26 state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Lehi in 1995;

27 WHEREAS, Steve Appleton was responsible for building one of Utah's most important
28 technology companies, IM Flash Technologies, a joint venture between Micron and Intel, with
29 headquarters in Lehi, in 2006;

30 WHEREAS, Steve's tremendous support for IM Flash was highly influential to its
31 success;

32 WHEREAS, Micron and Intel have invested over \$4.5 billion in IM Flash, one of the
33 largest private sector investments in Utah history;

34 WHEREAS, IM Flash has gone from zero market share to about 18% market share
35 today;

36 WHEREAS, IM Flash has been recognized as the most innovative memory process
37 technology in the world, being the first to ship 20 nanometer flash memory products;

38 WHEREAS, IM Flash generates from its products more than \$2 billion in revenue per
39 year for its parent companies;

40 WHEREAS, IM Flash contributes between 20-30% of Utah's exports, outside of the
41 primary metals sector;

42 WHEREAS, IM Flash employs about 1,600 people in Utah with about \$100 million per
43 year in payroll; and

44 WHEREAS, in 1999, Steve Appleton established the Micron Foundation, which has
45 donated millions of dollars to engineering programs at the University of Utah, Utah State
46 University, and Brigham Young University, to technician programs at other Utah institutions of
47 higher education, and to science and math programs in Utah's public education system:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
49 recognizes the accomplishments of Steve Appleton and his many contributions to Utah's
50 economy, Utah's reputation as a high tech center, and to the advancement of science,
51 technology, engineering, and math education in Utah.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Appleton
53 Family, IM Flash Technologies, Micron Technology, the Micron Foundation, Intel, and the
54 Governor's Office of Economic Development.