

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

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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

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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.

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