

**JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING UTAH VALLEY
UNIVERSITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brad M. Daw

Senate Sponsor: Margaret Dayton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill honors Utah Valley University's 75th anniversary.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes Utah Valley University's evolution since its inception in 1941 to meet the demands of an evolving workforce;
- ▶ recognizes its impact on the community, state, and intermountain region; and
- ▶ recognizes the institution's consistent spirit, mission to provide access to higher education, and inclusivity.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, Central Utah Vocational School, now known as Utah Valley University, was founded in 1941 to aid the United States efforts during World War II;

WHEREAS, Utah Valley University, now 75 years strong, has since assisted and provided for many individuals' personal goals and needs;

WHEREAS, Utah Valley University was founded on a hands-on and engaged approach to learning, which remains a hallmark of the institution at all levels of instruction and in all



28 disciplines;

29 WHEREAS, the institution has nimbly and ably adapted over its 75 year existence to
30 serve the needs of the community, the state, and the intermountain west;

31 WHEREAS, each time the needs of the workforce have changed, a deliberate and
32 parallel response from the institution has always followed, by evolving its educational
33 programs to produce highly-skilled graduates who are prepared to succeed;

34 WHEREAS, with iterations of Central Utah Vocational School, Utah Trade Technical
35 Institute, Utah Technical College, Utah Valley Community College, Utah Valley State College,
36 and finally Utah Valley University, change has been constant and fast-paced to meet employer
37 and industry needs;

38 WHEREAS, the determination, hustle, and can-do spirit required of such an evolution
39 are qualities that have helped define the institution and persist today;

40 WHEREAS, at its root, Utah Valley University retains a mission of access, inclusivity,
41 and in many cases, second chances to Utahns;

42 WHEREAS, with more than 33,000 students enrolled, Utah Valley University has
43 grown to become a national first choice institution for student success and the largest
44 institution of higher education in the state, something few would have predicted in 1941;

45 WHEREAS, with a dual mission of community college access and function under the
46 umbrella of a first-rate teaching university, Utah Valley University offers a full range of
47 certificate to graduate programs and is a model of efficiency, creating an institutional two for
48 the price of one return on investment for the state; and

49 WHEREAS, there are few higher education institutions in the nation executing such a
50 mission on the scale as Utah Valley University is, truly making it the "lean, green, educating
51 machine" as designated on the House floor when university status was granted in 2007:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
53 congratulates and joins Utah Valley University in celebrating this significant milestone in its
54 history.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature honors and commends Utah Valley
56 University for its 75 years of service to the state of Utah and for its positive impact on
57 generations of Utahns past, present, and future -- go Wolverines!

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of

59 Utah Valley University.

Legislative Review Note
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