

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO
SERVED AND SACRIFICED DURING THE COLD WAR**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brian M. Greene

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor commends the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel serving from the state of Utah who contributed to the historic victory in the Cold War and encourages appropriate recognitions for their service.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ commends the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel serving from the state of Utah who contributed to the historic victory in the Cold War and expresses gratitude and appreciation for their service and sacrifices that made victory possible; and

- ▶ encourages the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission to explore and advance appropriate commemorative and recognition initiatives for Cold War service.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, from the end of WWII in 1945 until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the Armed Forces of the United States and its allies confronted expansionist



28 communism, collectively known as the Cold War;

29 WHEREAS, this global struggle, potentially the most dangerous military confrontation
30 in the history of mankind, ended successfully for the United States and the free world with the
31 collapse of the Soviet Union and the easing of worldwide military tensions;

32 WHEREAS, millions of servicemen and women were deployed around the world,
33 including Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, to stand guard against aggression and advance the
34 cause of freedom in the face of a hostile enemy;

35 WHEREAS, Department of Defense civilians, members of the intelligence community,
36 foreign service officers, and support personnel in the United States made faithful and lasting
37 contributions in the performance of their duties during the Cold War;

38 WHEREAS, periods of active armed conflict, including the wars in Korea, Vietnam,
39 and the Middle East, resulted in heroic actions and individuals paying the ultimate sacrifice to
40 help defeat those that would harm the United States and its allies;

41 WHEREAS, members of the Armed Forces served overseas under arduous conditions,
42 isolated from family and friends in order to protect the United States and achieve a lasting
43 peace;

44 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Utahns answered the call to honorably serve
45 across the globe in defense of freedom, whether on active duty or as members of the Utah
46 National Guard or in the reserves;

47 WHEREAS, the United States Congress commended members of the Armed Forces
48 and government civilian personnel who served during the Cold War and expressed gratitude
49 and appreciation for their service and sacrifices;

50 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1084 of the National Defense Authorization
51 Act for Fiscal Year 1998, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition
52 Certificates to all members of the Armed Forces and qualified federal government civilians
53 who faithfully and honorably served during the Cold War era, defined as September 2, 1945, to
54 December 26, 1991;

55 WHEREAS, a medal, commissioned by the Utah Veterans of Foreign Wars,
56 commemorates those men and women from Utah whose service and sacrifice assisted in
57 achieving the Cold War victory; and

58 WHEREAS, the State of Utah created the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission

59 to study and make recommendations to the Legislature on issues affecting servicemembers and
60 veterans in Utah:

61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
62 Governor concurring therein, commends the members of the Armed Forces and civilian
63 personnel serving from the state of Utah who contributed to the historic victory in the Cold
64 War and expresses gratitude and appreciation for their service and sacrifices that made victory
65 possible.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage the
67 Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission to further explore and advance appropriate
68 commemorative and recognition initiatives for Cold War service.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of
70 Defense, all branches of the United States military, the Department of Defense, the Utah
71 Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, the Veterans'
72 and Military Affairs Commission, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

Legislative Review Note
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