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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING
THOMAS S. MONSON
2018 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH**

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29 **LONG TITLE**

30 **General Description:**

31 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor honors the life and
32 service of Thomas S. Monson, 16th President of The Church of Jesus Christ of
33 Latter-day Saints.

34 **Highlighted Provisions:**

35 This resolution:

- 36 ▶ recognizes Thomas S. Monson, 16th President of The Church of Jesus Christ of
- 37 Latter-day Saints, for his exemplary life of leadership and service; and
- 38 ▶ expresses sympathy for his loss and gratitude for President Monson's service.

39 **Special Clauses:**

40 None



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

43 WHEREAS, Thomas Spencer Monson, 16th President of The Church of Jesus Christ of
44 Latter-day Saints and one of the most prominent public figures in the state of Utah over the
45 past 50 years died January 2, 2018, at 90 years of age;

46 WHEREAS, President Monson's significant influence in the state of Utah and abroad
47 through his decades-long service for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints merits
48 recognition;

49 WHEREAS, President Monson was born August 21, 1927, to G. Spencer and Gladys
50 Condie Monson, in Salt Lake City, Utah;

51 WHEREAS, President Monson grew up in Salt Lake City, attended Salt Lake City
52 public schools, and began his higher education in 1944 at the University of Utah;

53 WHEREAS, President Monson briefly served in the United States Navy Reserve during
54 World War II;

55 WHEREAS, after his World War II service, President Monson returned to the
56 University of Utah and, in 1948, graduated cum laude with a business degree and married

57 Frances Beverly Johnson;

58 WHEREAS, soon after graduating from the university, President Monson joined the
59 Deseret News, where he worked as an advertising executive and eventually became general
60 manager of the Deseret News Press;

61 WHEREAS, President Monson graduated from Brigham Young University with a
62 Masters of Business Administration and received several honorary degrees;

63 WHEREAS, at age 22, President Monson was called to serve as a bishop for The
64 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, presiding over a large congregation that consisted
65 of hundreds of people, including many widows;

66 WHEREAS, after five years of service as a bishop, President Monson was called as a
67 counselor in a stake presidency, followed by a call to serve as president of The Church of Jesus
68 Christ of Latter-day Saints' mission headquartered in Toronto, Canada;

69 WHEREAS, in 1963, President Monson was called as a member of the Quorum of the
70 Twelve Apostles, making him one of the youngest men in the 20th century appointed to that
71 position;

72 WHEREAS, President Monson counseled with government leaders and served on a
73 variety of boards, including appointment by President Ronald Reagan to the President's Task
74 Force for Private Sector Initiatives in 1981 and membership on the Utah State Board of
75 Regents for several years;

76 WHEREAS, among his many services abroad, President Monson first entered East
77 Germany in 1968, decades before the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, he met with East German
78 government officials and paved the way for a temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of
79 Latter-day Saints to be built in Freiberg, Germany, which was first dedicated in 1985;

80 WHEREAS, President Monson was a prominent, long-time leader in the Boy Scouts of
81 America, serving as a member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America
82 and earning the Silver Beaver, Silver Buffalo, Silver Fox, and Bronze Wolf honors, which are
83 the highest awards in scouting;

84 WHEREAS, before becoming prophet, President Monson served as counselor for three

85 of the presidents of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints;

86 WHEREAS, President Monson was set apart as president of The Church of Jesus Christ
87 of Latter-day Saints on February 3, 2008;

88 WHEREAS, membership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints grew to
89 more than 16 million at the time of his passing;

90 WHEREAS, under President Monson's leadership, The Church of Jesus Christ of
91 Latter-day Saints collaborated with other faiths and organizations in the United States and
92 abroad on causes such as homelessness, hunger, disaster-relief, and aid to refugees;

93 WHEREAS, in the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, only four
94 men have served longer in church leadership;

95 WHEREAS, President Monson's wife Frances preceded him in death in 2013, and his
96 posterity includes 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren;

97 WHEREAS, tributes to President Monson have been offered from state, national, and
98 international government leaders, religious leaders, and even the Utah Jazz; and

99 WHEREAS, President Monson was known and beloved for his many qualities
100 particularly compassionate focus on the individual and humanitarian service to those in need:

101 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
102 Governor concurring therein, recognizes the lifelong dedication and service of Thomas S.
103 Monson, 16th President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to his God, his
104 church, his family, and those in need.

105 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor express deep
106 sympathy for his loss and gratitude for President Monson's life and example of service.

107 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to his children
108 Ann Monson Dibb, Thomas Lee Monson, and Clark Spencer Monson.