

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING JON M.**
2 **HUNTSMAN, SR.**

3 2018 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes**

6 Senate Sponsor: Wayne L. Niederhauser

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor honors the life and
11 legacy of Jon M. Huntsman, Sr.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ recognizes Jon M. Huntsman, Sr. as a great industrialists and a pioneer in the
- 15 chemical industry;
- 16 ▶ recognizes his philanthropic work with the establishment of the Huntsman Cancer
- 17 Institute; and
- 18 ▶ expresses sympathy for his loss and gratitude for Mr. Huntsman's generosity.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

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

23 WHEREAS, Jon M. Huntsman, Sr. was born in Blackfoot, Idaho, on June 21, 1937,
24 and ascended humble beginnings to be elected student body president of Palo Alto High School
25 and to receive the Harold Zellerbach Scholarship to attend the Wharton School of the
26 University of Pennsylvania;

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman married his high school sweetheart, Karen Haight, and



28 began a family that he loved with his whole heart;

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman served in the U.S. Navy as an officer aboard the USS
30 Calvert and subsequently earned a master's degree in business administration from the Marshall
31 School of Business at the University of Southern California;

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman is widely regarded as one of his generation's great
33 industrialists and as a pioneer in the chemical industry;

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman founded Huntsman Container Company in 1970 and
35 revolutionized packaging and plastics;

36 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman formed Huntsman Chemical Corporation in 1982, which
37 today represents an \$11 billion global manufacturer and marketer of chemicals;

38 WHEREAS, in his heart, Mr. Huntsman was first a philanthropist, and his life's
39 ambition was much greater than business;

40 WHEREAS, early in his adult life Mr. Huntsman began quiet acts of charity as an
41 anonymous donor to a Navy widow;

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman lost his dear mother, Kathleen Robison Huntsman, to
43 breast cancer when she was just 58 years old and promised her that he would one day do
44 something to help cure this dreaded disease;

45 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman and Karen Huntsman made a founding gift of \$10 million
46 to the University of Utah in 1993 to create a cancer institute, and quickly followed that gift
47 with an additional \$100 million to offer Utahns new, better cancer treatments with the creation
48 of Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI);

49 WHEREAS, today HCI is one of the world's most renowned cancer institutes having
50 directed over \$2 billion from more than 1 million donors and grant makers toward improving
51 cancer treatment, relieving the suffering of cancer patients, and providing education about
52 cancer risk, prevention, and care;

53 WHEREAS, HCI is the only National Cancer Institute-Designated Cancer Center in
54 Utah, Utah's official cancer center, and only Cancer Specialty Hospital;

55 WHEREAS, HCI serves the surrounding five-state area, 17% of the United States, and
56 is in the top 1% for patient satisfaction;

57 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman's kind acts of philanthropy extended beyond cancer to his
58 faith, the homeless, the hungry, mothers and children, the economically disadvantaged,

59 athletics, cultural purposes, and those for whom higher education was financially out of reach
60 without scholarship assistance;

61 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman refused to retreat in the face of adversity, but instead
62 viewed adversity as an opportunity to learn, move forward, and try again; and

63 WHEREAS, Mr. Huntsman served as a role model and inspiration to thousands and
64 leaves behind a great company, but even more so, leaves behind a legacy of optimism, ethical
65 behavior, and philanthropy that will be remembered as his greatest accomplishments:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
67 Governor concurring therein, recognizes the legacy of kindness, generosity, and hard work that
68 Jon M. Huntsman, Sr. leaves behind.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express deep
70 sympathy for his loss, and gratitude for Mr. Huntsman's life and care toward others.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to his wife, Karen,
72 and to his children: Jon Huntsman, Jr., Peter Huntsman, Christena Huntsman Durham, David
73 Huntsman, Paul Huntsman, James Huntsman, Jennifer Huntsman Parkin, and Mark Huntsman.

Legislative Review Note
Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel