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Representative Brad M. Daw proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING A STATE FUNERAL FOR THE LAST WWII MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brad M. Daw

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution urges the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ provides an overview of the significant service provided by American soldiers in World War II;
- ▶ recognizes the unique esteem of those who received the Medal of Honor for their service in World War II; and
- ▶ urges the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last

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surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, World War II, the most widespread war in history, lasted from 1939 until 1945;

WHEREAS, the United States entered the war on December 7, 1941, and proved indispensable to the Allies in winning the war;

WHEREAS, over 16 million Americans served their country and the Allied powers over the course of the war;

WHEREAS, the generation of men and women who served our country in World War II has been called "the greatest generation" for their selfless sacrifice in the face of global tyranny;

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the highest military decoration awarded by the United States government;

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is presented by the President of the United States, in the name of Congress;

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is only conferred upon members of the United States Armed Forces who distinguish themselves through conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their own lives above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force;

WHEREAS, more than 3,400 Medals of Honor have been awarded to our nation's bravest soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coast guardsmen since the creation of the award in 1861;

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor was awarded to 473 Americans during World War II;

WHEREAS, only two of those 473 Americans are alive today;

WHEREAS, Charles H. Coolidge of Tennessee and Hershel Woodrow Williams of West Virginia both served their country with conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their own lives and therefore deserve the gratitude of the American people;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has the sole authority to designate a

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state funeral;

WHEREAS, historically, the President of the United States has designated state funerals for former presidents, generals, and other extraordinary Americans;

WHEREAS, our nation is currently divided and yearns for a unifying national event;
and

WHEREAS, designating a state funeral when the last surviving World War II Medal of Honor recipient dies would be a wonderful way for the American people to unite and honor all 16 million soldiers, sailors, and airmen who served in our Armed Forces from 1941 to 1945:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, hereby urges the President of the United States to designate a state funeral for the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate.