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Senator Jani Iwamoto proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

House Sponsor: Paul Ray

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution commemorates the centennial of the League of Women Voters.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the League of Women Voters as an important civic organization working for the welfare of all Utahns;
- ▶ acknowledges the long history of civic engagement by the League; and
- ▶ commemorates the League's centennial on February 14, 2020.

Special Clauses:

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None

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

WHEREAS, the history of women voting in Utah is long and vibrant;

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1870, Utah school teacher, Seraph Young, voted in a municipal election under equal suffrage laws and is credited with being the first woman to vote in an election in any state or territory now part of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Congress passed the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on June 4, 1920, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, which was ratified on August 18, 1920;

WHEREAS, Carrie Chapman Catt, a suffragist and founder of the League of Women Voters (League), led the state-by-state strategy that resulted in the 19th Amendment's passage;

WHEREAS, Carrie Chapman Catt spoke at the Conference of Women Voters held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on November 17, 1919;

WHEREAS, the Conference was sponsored by the Utah State Suffrage Council, then presided over by Utah feminists, Emmeline B. Wells, Emily S. Richards, and others;

WHEREAS, the League was formed 100 years ago on February 14, 1920;

WHEREAS, the League is a civic group, originally formed to help women take a larger role in public affairs after they won the right to vote;

WHEREAS, the League has grown to include all citizens, encouraging informed and active participation in government, working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influencing public policy through education and advocacy;

WHEREAS, the League is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public;

WHEREAS, some of the League's more notable activities include:

- in 1945, consulting the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Charter Conference, expressing support for the UN, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund;

- in 1957, establishing the League of Women Voters Education Fund to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in government and increase understanding of major public policy issues;

- in 1969, being one of the first organizations calling for the United States to normalize

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relations with China;

- in the 1970s, developing national positions on water, air, waste management, land use, and energy;

- in 1974, amending its national bylaws to allow men to become full voting members;

- in 1976, sponsoring the first televised presidential debates;

- in 1982, contributing to the passage of the Voting Rights Act Amendments;

- ~~• in 1983, adopting a position on reproductive choice;~~

- in 1988, helping to achieve Senate ratification of the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty;

- in the early 1990s, leading a national coalition and concerting considerable effort in support of the National Voter Registration Act;

- leading up to their enactments in 2002, supporting the Help America Vote Act and the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act; and

- in 2011, launching "Power the Vote," a campaign opposing measures to restrict access to voting that affect minorities, elderly, students, and rural voters;

WHEREAS, the League operates at the local, state, and national level, with over 700 local and 50 state leagues; and

WHEREAS, the League has grown over the last 100 years to become a recognized force in encouraging informed and active participation in government:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, recognizes the League of Women Voters as an important civic organization working for the welfare of all Utahns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the long history of civic engagement by the organization and its intent to pursue this work for the next 100 years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature commemorates the League's centennial on February 14, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the League of Women Voters of Utah.