

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE 125TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST UTAH LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Melissa G. Ballard**

Senate Sponsor: Karen Mayne

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution honors the 125th Anniversary of the First Utah Legislative Session.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ commemorates the 125th Anniversary of the First Legislative Session; and
- ▶ honors the work of the first Utah State Legislature and subsequent legislatures.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, on January 4, 1896, Utah joined the United States of America as the 45th state of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, from its beginning, the people of the state of Utah have all believed in the rule of law, that citizens are the source of all governmental power, in the consent of the people to create a government, in limited government that can only do those things the people have given it power to do, in a ~~H→ [system where people elect government leaders to make laws on their behalf]~~ **democratic republic form of government** ←H , and they hold dear the individual rights and freedoms protected by the government;

WHEREAS, on January 7, 1896, the Utah Legislature was called into its first general



28 session of statehood, convening at the Salt Lake City and County Building in Salt Lake City,  
29 Utah, where the first Utah Senate seated 18 members, and the Utah House of Representatives  
30 seated 45 members;

31 WHEREAS, the 63 duly elected legislators were empowered during that first session to  
32 design and build a new state government based on the principles of American democracy to  
33 serve the people of Utah which remains the foundation of our state government today;

34 WHEREAS, the early lawmakers funded public schools, police and fire departments,  
35 prisons, and two universities during that first legislative session; and established a firm  
36 foundation of a balanced budget, fiscal restraint, and support of strong families--all values and  
37 principles that carry forward in Utah's Legislature today;

38 WHEREAS, Utah's Legislature now meets at the Utah State Capitol, seats 29 senators  
39 and 75 representatives to serve from Utah's 29 counties, all of whom support the advancement  
40 of public education, higher education, economic development, natural resources, environment,  
41 business, arts, cultural resources for Native Americans, and a host of many other departments  
42 and agencies, all working to benefit the citizens of the great state of Utah; and

43 WHEREAS, some Utah senators and representatives have ancestors who served in the  
44 1896 and subsequent Legislatures, and many other Utah senators and Utah representatives have  
45 adopted that great legacy and heritage of public service since statehood:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Utah State Legislature, the Governor  
47 concurring therein, honors the work of the first Utah State Legislature and each subsequent  
48 Legislature for their lasting impact on the public good and the benefit to all citizens who work  
49 and live in Utah.