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Representative Joel K. Briscoe proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF THE 2020 ELECTION

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Joel K. Briscoe

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution recognizes the success of the 2020 election.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes Utah's increase in voter turnout in the 2020 election;
- ▶ recognizes the security of the vote-by-mail process;
- ▶ recognizes the invaluable function that election workers provide to Utah; and
- ▶ recognizes that there were no accounts or charges of significant election fraud in Utah for the 2020 election.

Special Clauses:

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None

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

WHEREAS, Utah had over 1.6 million registered voters during the 2020 election;

WHEREAS, Utah had the highest voter turnout in over 60 years with 90% of active registered voters casting a ballot in the 2020 election;

WHEREAS, Utah had the second highest increase in voter turnout in the nation from 2016-2020;

WHEREAS, over 92% of Utah voters cast a by-mail ballot;

WHEREAS, vote-by-mail in Utah has been used in local elections since 2012 and has resulted in increased voter participation in these elections;

WHEREAS, vote-by-mail provides a paper trail of optical scan ballots that can be recounted by machine or by hand to prove that every vote was counted accurately;

WHEREAS, every signature of every voter is checked on vote-by-mail ballots by election officials to safeguard the system against fraud;

WHEREAS, centralized supervision of ballot processing in county clerks' offices maintains uniformity and strict compliance with laws throughout the state;

WHEREAS, elections are the foundation of our democracy and election officials work tirelessly to protect this critical infrastructure while maintaining public confidence in the outcome of our electoral processes;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created complexities in the administration of elections requiring election officials to conduct accurate and timely elections while protecting the safety of election workers and the voting public;

WHEREAS, ~~{volunteers for non-profit and voter organizations such as the League of Women Voters and Voterise}~~ many entities have worked to increase voter registration and participation during the past pandemic year;

WHEREAS, election officials and workers have met the challenges presented by a global pandemic during a presidential election;

WHEREAS, the lieutenant governor's office coordinates with state and federal security partners to make sure Utah elections are safe and secure;

WHEREAS, there were no accounts or charges of significant election fraud in Utah;

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and

WHEREAS, the experience in Utah proves vote-by-mail is a successful, secure, and voter-friendly model for election administration:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, recognizes the success of the 2020 election;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, extends its appreciation and admiration for the election officials and workers of this state and the vital services that they perform in conducting this state's elections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah Municipal Clerks Association, the Utah County Clerk and Auditor Association, the Utah League of ~~{Women Voters, Voterise, the Utah League of }~~ Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, and the lieutenant governor's office.