

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING UTAH OLYMPIANS
AND PARALYMPIANS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution recognizes Utah's athletes that participated in the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games and emphasizes support for Utah's athletes participating in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes Utah's ongoing commitment to the ideals and values of the Olympic Games;
- ▶ recognizes the athletes and coaches from Utah that participated in the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games;
- ▶ emphasizes support for Utah's athletes participating in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games; and
- ▶ supports future generations of Utahns aspiring to be Olympians.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, for over 100 years, the Olympic movement has built a better and more peaceful world by educating young people through athletics, bringing together athletes from



28 many countries in friendly competition, and forging new relationships bound by friendship,
29 solidarity, sportsmanship, and fair play;

30 WHEREAS, the nation takes pride in the commitment to excellence, grace under
31 pressure, and good will toward other competitors exhibited by the athletes of the United States
32 Olympic Team;

33 WHEREAS, Utah's Olympic legacy is globally regarded with the 2002 Salt Lake City
34 Winter Olympic Games and Paralympic Winter Games widely recognized as a tremendous
35 success;

36 WHEREAS, Utah welcomed 2,500 athletes representing 77 nations and proudly
37 watched the United States win 34 medals at the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Games;

38 WHEREAS, Utah remains a global cultivator of champions in sport with three
39 designated official United States Olympic Training Sites: Soldier Hollow Nordic Center, Utah
40 Olympic Oval, and Utah Olympic Park;

41 WHEREAS, Utah continued the Olympic tradition of celebrating athletes and sports by
42 sending 41 athletes and coaches to the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games
43 who are Utah natives or have Utah ties to compete for Team U.S.A. or another country;

44 WHEREAS, Utah's delegation to the United States Olympic Team at the 2020 Tokyo
45 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games included athletes competing in long-held sports,
46 including gymnastics, volleyball, basketball, and triathlon, as well as sports making an
47 Olympic debut, including sport climbing;

48 WHEREAS, Utah currently has a delegation of athletes competing in the 2022 Beijing
49 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, representing the state of Utah in a wide array of
50 sports, including speedskating, alpine skiing, bobsled, and banked slalom:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
52 Governor concurring therein, supports and recognizes the profound contribution to the ideals
53 and values of the Olympic movement made by the athletes who are from Utah or have Utah
54 ties and competed at the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor emphasize support
56 for the Olympic athletes who are from Utah or have Utah ties and are currently competing in
57 the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor strongly support each

59 former and current Utah Olympic athlete and the athlete's contribution to the ideals and values
60 of the Olympic games and impact on Utah's young athletes aspiring to one day represent Utah
61 and the United States Olympic Team.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Utah's 2020
63 Tokyo Summer and Paralympic Games Olympians and Utah's 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic
64 and Paralympic Games Olympians.