



WOMEN'S STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF S.C.R.1 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING REPLACEMENT OF STATUE OF PHILO FARNSWORTH IN UNITED STATES CAPITOL

Whereas, States are allowed to rotate their statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection every 10 years;

Whereas, The statue of Philo Farnsworth has been on display in the United States Capitol since 1990;

Whereas, Dr. Martha "Mattie" Hughes Cannon is a renowned woman of Utah, the first female state senator elected in the United States, and a national champion for women's rights;

Whereas, Although the Utah Territory granted women suffrage in 1870, Congress passed the Edmunds-Tucker Act in 1887, revoking women's suffrage in the territory;

Whereas, The Utah Chapter of the National Woman Suffrage Association was created in 1889 and Dr. Cannon was instrumental in that organization's fight to restore women's right to vote in Utah, which effort was consummated in 1896 with the adoption of the Utah Constitution;

Whereas, That same year, Dr. Cannon was elected as a member of the Utah Senate and became the first female ever elected as a state senator in the United States, 24 years before all women in the United States were granted the right to vote by the ratification of the nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution;

Whereas, Dr. Cannon defeated her husband and other male candidates to obtain her Senate seat and during her time in the Utah Senate was an outspoken champion for public health issues and a powerful advocate for women's rights; and

Whereas, Dr. Cannon's faith, resolve, vision, and tireless efforts deserve the highest honors the state can bestow; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Women's State Legislative Council of Utah supports S.C.R.1 to replace the statue of Philo Farnsworth in the United States Capitol with a statue of Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon.

Dated this 31 day of January, 2018

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