

1                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING**  
2                   **REPLACEMENT OF STATUE OF PHILO FARNSWORTH IN**  
3                   **UNITED STATES CAPITOL**

4                   2018 GENERAL SESSION

5                   STATE OF UTAH

6                   **Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler**

7                   House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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9                   **LONG TITLE**

10                  **General Description:**

11                  This concurrent resolution initiates the replacement of the state's statue of Philo  
12                  Farnsworth in the United States Capitol with a statue of Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon.

13                  **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                  This resolution:

15                  ▶ requests that the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress approve the  
16                  replacement of Utah's statue of Philo Farnsworth in the National Statuary Hall  
17                  Collection in the United States Capitol with a statue of Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon;  
18                  and

19                  ▶ directs the Governor to oversee the creation of a nonprofit organization to  
20                  commission a statue of Dr. Martha Hughes Cannon, oversee its placement in the  
21                  United States Capitol, and oversee the removal of the Philo Farnsworth statue from  
22                  the United States Capitol.

23                  **Special Clauses:**

24                  None

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

27                  WHEREAS, 2 U.S.C. Sec. 2131 allows each state to provide two statues of individuals



28 who were citizens of the state, who are known for their "historic renown or for distinguished  
29 civic or military service," for commemoration in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the  
30 United States Capitol;

31 WHEREAS, Utah is currently represented by the statues of Brigham Young and Philo  
32 Farnsworth;

33 WHEREAS, 2 U.S.C. Sec. 2132 allows a state to request the Joint Committee on the  
34 Library of Congress to approve the replacement of a state's statue if:

35 (1) the statue to be replaced has been on display in the United States Capitol for at least  
36 10 years; and

37 (2) a replacement request is made through a legislative resolution and approved by the  
38 Governor;

39 WHEREAS, the statue of Philo Farnsworth has been on display in the United States  
40 Capitol since 1990;

41 WHEREAS, 2 U.S.C. Sec. 2131a requires that an individual's statue may not be placed  
42 in the National Statuary Hall Collection until 10 years after the individual's death;

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

46 WHEREAS, although the Utah Territory granted women suffrage in 1870, Congress  
47 passed the Edmunds-Tucker Act in 1887, revoking women's suffrage in the territory;

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

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

56 WHEREAS, Dr. Cannon defeated her husband and three other male candidates to  
57 obtain her Senate seat;

58 WHEREAS, during her time in the Utah Senate, Dr. Cannon was an outspoken

59 champion for public health issues and was a powerful advocate for women's rights;

60 WHEREAS, Dr. Cannon retired after three terms in the Legislature, but continued to  
61 fight for public health improvements, women's rights, and other important public policy  
62 improvements until she passed away in 1932; and

63 WHEREAS, Dr. Cannon's faith, resolve, vision, and tireless efforts deserve the highest  
64 honors the state can bestow:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
66 Governor concurring therein, in conformance with 2 U.S.C. 2132, requests that the Joint  
67 Committee on the Library of Congress approve the replacement of Utah's statue of Philo  
68 Farnsworth in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol with a statue of Dr.  
69 Martha Hughes Cannon.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the statue of Dr. Cannon be unveiled in the United  
71 States Capitol in August of 2020, in commemoration of the month of the 100th anniversary of  
72 the ratification of the nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor facilitate the creation of a nonprofit  
74 organization that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c), Internal Revenue  
75 Code, to:

76 (1) collect charitable contributions to cover all costs associated with the creation and  
77 placement of the new statue so that, in conformance with the requirements of 2 U.S.C. Sec.  
78 2132, the state bears responsibility for "any costs related to the replacement [statue], including  
79 costs in connection with the design, construction, transportation, and placement of the new  
80 statue, the removal and transportation of the statue being replaced, and any unveiling  
81 ceremony";

82 (2) select a sculptor for the creation of the statue of Dr. Cannon;

83 (3) approve a final design for the sculpture of Dr. Cannon;

84 (4) ensure that the creation and placement of the statue of Dr. Cannon is conducted in a  
85 timely and orderly fashion in accordance with this resolution; and

86 (5) ensure that the removal of the existing Philo Farnsworth statue from the United  
87 States Capitol is conducted in accordance with this resolution.

88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no public funds be used for any cost related to the  
89 creation and placement of the new statue, including any cost described in the preceding

90 resolved clause.

91 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in conformance with the requirements of 2 U.S.C.  
92 Sec. 2131, the statue be created in marble or bronze.

93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Philo Farnsworth statue that is currently  
94 located in the United States Capitol be removed and placed in the Utah State Capitol Building.

95 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Capitol Preservation Board work with the  
96 nonprofit organization, whose creation is facilitated by the Governor under this resolution,  
97 regarding the movement and placement of statues in the Utah State Capitol Building as  
98 directed by this resolution.

99 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Philo Farnsworth statue that is currently  
100 located in the Utah State Capitol Building be removed and placed in the Beaver County District  
101 Courthouse located at 2270 South 525 West, Beaver, Utah 84713.

102 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be mailed to the Joint  
103 Committee on the Library of Congress for its consideration.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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