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UTAH STATE SENATE

MORONI L. JENSEN

PRESIDENT

CORRESPONDENCE  
319 STATE CAPITOL  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84114

January 16, 1978

RESIDENCE  
2940 FILMORE STREET  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84106

Mrs. Muriel Humphrey  
462 Federal Courts Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
55401

Dear Mrs. Humphrey and Family:

The members of the Utah State Legislature met in Joint Convention this morning to express appreciation, respect and love for Senator Humphrey. His long, productive and loving service to our country and his example of courage has indeed been an inspiration to all of us.

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of S.C.R. No. 2, HUBERT H. HUMPHREY RESOLUTION, which was passed by our Legislature this day.

The Joint Convention, at which Dr. Edwin Firmage presented a memorial tribute, was printed in our Senate Journal. We are enclosing a copy of the Journal.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with you always,

Sincerely,

Moroni L. Jensen, President &  
All Members of the Utah State Senate

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cc: President Jimmy Carter  
Vice-President Walter F. Mondale  
All Members of the United States Senate  
Governor Scott M. Matheson



WHEREAS, the people of Utah enjoyed his special friendship and often benefited from his willingness to help meet our needs on matters from the governance of public lands and the development of energy to the conservation of water and the protection of the environment;

WHEREAS, we enjoyed his presence, and that of Mrs. Humphrey, often in our state and we will sorely miss him; and

WHEREAS, in success he demonstrated humility, with grace and courage in defeat; he taught us how to live and how to die.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Budget Session of the 42nd Legislature of the State of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, that the Utah State Legislature in joint session by resolution, dedicate this memorial to Hubert H. Humphrey, a colleague, fellow citizen and loving friend.

On motion of Senator Wilford Rex Black, and under suspension of the rules, all Senators present voted unanimously in the affirmative for **S.C.R. No. 2**. All Senators present except Senator Waddingham (excused).

On motion of Representative Ronald T. Halverson, and under suspension of the rules all Representatives present voted unanimously in the affirmative for **S.C.R. No. 2**. All Representatives present except Representatives Harrison, Irvine, Livingston, McMullin, Strong and Wimmer. Representative Harvey (excused).

On motion of Senator Black, and under suspension of the rules, **S.C.R. No. 2** was signed by President Moroni L. Jensen and Speaker Glade M. Sowards.

**S.C.R. No. 2, HUBERT H. HUMPHREY RESOLUTION**, under suspension of the rules, was then signed by Governor Scott M. Matheson.

On motion of Representative Halverson the text of the Joint Convention was ordered spread on the pages of the House Journal.

On motion of Senator Black the complete text of the Joint Convention was ordered spread on the pages of the Senate Journal.

President Jensen expressed appreciation to Dr. Edwin Firmage for his Memorial Tribute and acknowledged the presence of Mrs. Gloria Firmage.

The President of the Senate directed that copies of **S.C.R. No. 2, HUBERT H. HUMPHREY RESOLUTION**, be sent to Mrs. Muriel Humphrey and Family; President Jimmy Carter; Vice President Walter F. Mondale; All members of the United States Senate and to Governor Scott M. Matheson

On motion of Senator Wilford "Rex" Black, the Joint Convention was dissolved.

## JOINT CONVENTION

to hear

### MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, SENATOR AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

President Moroni L. Jensen called the Joint Convention to order at 1:30 p.m.

President Jensen and House Speaker, Glade M. Sowards, declared that a quorum of Senate and House members were present.

The presence of The Honorable Scott M. Matheson, Governor of the State of Utah, was acknowledged.

The Joint Convention listened to a recording of "Ave Maria" sung by Robert Merrill

President Jensen introduced:

**Dr. Edwin Brown Firmage**, Professor of Law at the University of Utah College of Law.

Dr. Ed Firmage served on the staff of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey in 1965 and 1966. Dr. Firmage, then a White House Fellow, represented the Vice President in working with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Roy Wilkins in planning the White House Conference on Civil Rights and the civil rights legislation that followed.

Dr. Firmage joined the staff of Vice President Humphrey following graduation from the University of Chicago Law School where he was National Honors Scholar.

He served as special representative in the western states during Senator Humphrey's 1968 campaign for the presidency.

Dr. Firmage also attended the arms control negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland as United Nations Visiting Scholar.

He continued a close friendship with Hubert Humphrey until his death.

### DR. EDWIN BROWN FIRMAGE

#### MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO VICE-PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

*It is a great honor for me to be invited by this body to offer words of tribute to Hubert Humphrey, a man I dearly loved as did many of the citizens of our state whose lives he touched.*

*Senator Humphrey was a great friend to the people of Utah. Hubert helped us with water conservation and with energy development even up to*



*the week before his death. He aided our Symphony and the Tabernacle Choir in accomplishing their world tours. I treasure the evenings he spent in our home with my children when he visited our city. I treasure the hours we spent working through the night together drafting speeches in campaigns from the middle sixties through his Salt Lake speech in the presidential campaign of 1968 to the present. Almost two decades of national campaigns allowed Hubert to form so many thousands of friendships throughout our country that citizens of many states claimed three senators; two uniquely their own and one who was truly the Senator of the United States of America.*

*The preeminent characteristic of Hubert Humphrey was love. Hubert could not make an enemy nor hold a grudge; with the fierceness of devotion that all too often characterizes the staff of one in politics, we sometimes wished he could. We loved him because he couldn't. We followed him because we knew that his great heart set him apart from most others we knew.*

*I recall a time when I became anxious and irritated as I tried to drag Senator Humphrey out of the Capitol and away from several hundred Washington sixth graders who were transfixed as America's finest stump speaker spent one hour telling them of the great debates that had taken place in his beloved Senate — of Webster and Calhoun and Clay. A cabinet secretary had been waiting in Hubert's vice presidential office that hour for his appointment. For Hubert there simply was no comparison between telling our children about America and dealing with a government bureaucrat — even an important one.*

*The apostle Paul told the saints at Corinth that love "keeps no score of wrongs." Hubert, as vice president, occasionally had to suffer that peculiar anguish and develop that particular discipline of one called upon by virtue of office to subordinate his will to that of a superior. It cost him much, some say it cost him the presidency. In the fortuity that sometimes governs politics, the "Happy Warrior" obtained the Democratic party, his party's nomination for President in the late sixties when America was angry and torn apart by a vicious war and didn't want the "Politics of Joy." Hubert was deeply hurt by his failure to win the election. Cancer ravaged his body but vengeance never cankered his soul.*

*Hubert was a rare soul whose universal spirit refused to see the relevance of the divisions that humans force upon themselves; lines dividing state from state, pitting nation against nation, distinguishing race from race, or defining God differently.*

*The expression of love and good will from people throughout the world on Hubert's death are testimony that they perceived his belief with Paul that we all are "no more strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens...", Jew, Gentile, Christian, Moslem, black and white. Hubert said that men and women in our nuclear age of declining resources and increasing needs were like mountain-climbers roped together as we scaled the precipice.*

*I do not know all the characteristics that make for a great president. But I believe that Hubert Humphrey has done more by humane legislation and loving example than most presidents and I believe that history will so conclude. Presidents are well advised to employ people more intelligent, more specialized than they in order to make government work. But no president can hire another to feel for him or to love for him. Other gifts vanish but love never ends.*

*Washington for many of us, will never again have the effervescence, the excitement and exhilaration now that Hubert is no longer there. As a house is less a home to one whose parents have passed on, so our Capitol will be more remote and aloof, more general and less particular.*

*If love is indeed the spiritual gift that will never come to an end while that which is partial passes away, then Hubert H. Humphrey has bequeathed to us all his own special kind of immortality.*

*Thank You.*

Sophia C. Buckmiller, Secretary of the Senate, read **S.C.R. No. 2, HUBERT H. HUMPHREY RESOLUTION.**

#### HUBERT H. HUMPHREY RESOLUTION

**S.C.R. No. 2**

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WHEREAS, Hubert Humphrey has given a life of devoted service to his country;

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WHEREAS, he worked always to help the poor and all who most needed help;

WHEREAS, his life was devoted to extending constitutional freedom and economic opportunity to all;

WHEREAS, his willingness to help thousands of friends in many states made him preeminently the Senator of all the United States of America;





# Utah State Legislature Resolution

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