

1                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND**  
2                   **ACHIEVEMENTS OF HELEN FOSTER SNOW**

3                                   2022 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

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10 **LONG TITLE**

11 **General Description:**

12           This concurrent resolution honors the life and achievements of Helen Foster Snow.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14           This resolution:

15           ▶ recognizes the life of Helen Foster Snow in the United States and China;

16           ▶ honors the work Helen Foster Snow created when she served as a war  
17 correspondent in China;

18           ▶ commemorates the awards and honors she received; and

19           ▶ honors her legacy and recognizes August 2022 as the 91st anniversary of when  
20 Helen Foster Snow moved to China.

21 **Special Clauses:**

22           None

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

25           WHEREAS, Helen Foster Snow, a descendant of Mormon pioneers, was born in 1907  
26 in Cedar City to John Moody Foster and Hannah Davis and was raised as a member of The  
27 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints;

28           WHEREAS, Helen became interested in journalism at a young age as a result of her

29 genealogy work interviewing her elderly relatives and compiling their stories of early Utah  
30 pioneer life;

31 WHEREAS, Helen attended West High School where she became the editor of the  
32 school's yearbook and vice president of the student government, the highest position for a  
33 female student at that time;

34 WHEREAS, upon graduation Helen attended the University of Utah;

35 WHEREAS, in 1931, Helen traveled to China to pursue writing where she met and  
36 married Edgar Snow;

37 WHEREAS, Helen, under the pen name Nym Wales, at risk of her life, reported on  
38 major events in Asia in the 1930s, including the Chinese Civil War, the Korean Independence  
39 movement, and the Second Sino-Japanese War;

40 WHEREAS, Helen's work as a journalist and an organizer had a worldwide impact;

41 WHEREAS, Helen's insights on Chinese politics and factions were delivered to  
42 President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and her ideas were endorsed by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt  
43 and Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru of India;

44 WHEREAS, prominent Korean academics recommended commendations for Helen to  
45 the President of Korea as "the American journalist and writer who, among all non-Koreans,  
46 best understands the Korean people";

47 WHEREAS, Helen was twice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1981 and 1982,  
48 for her work promoting peace and progress in the world;

49 WHEREAS, in 2009, a bronze statue of Helen Foster Snow was placed in the Main  
50 Street Park in her hometown of Cedar City;

51 WHEREAS, Helen continues to be recognized in China through museum exhibits,  
52 books, news articles, video documentaries, dramatized TV series, and a memorial garden;

53 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Helen Foster Snow Foundation was established in Utah to  
54 preserve, promote, and continue Helen's legacy of building bridges of international  
55 understanding;

56 WHEREAS, Senator Orrin Hatch saluted Helen Foster Snow at the time of her death by

57 writing, "Mrs. Snow built a bridge of goodwill between the hearts of the Americans to the  
58 hearts of the Chinese people. Let her life stand as a reminder that what lies behind the very  
59 different political systems of the world are real people whose hearts and minds are not so far  
60 apart.";

61 WHEREAS, Helen Foster Snow was an exceptional Utahn whose pioneer heritage  
62 made a positive impact on the world stage;

63 WHEREAS, Helen Foster Snow represented Utah values of empathy, cooperation,  
64 integrity, and industry; and

65 WHEREAS, August 2022 will be the 91st anniversary of when Helen Foster Snow  
66 went to China:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
68 Governor concurring therein, honors the memory and contributions of Helen Foster Snow and  
69 her legacy as a journalist, author, and humanitarian, who dedicated her life as a bridge-builder  
70 between the peoples of the United States, India, Korea, China, and the Philippines.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor view Helen  
72 Foster Snow's bridge of goodwill as a reminder of the power of Utah values in bringing peace  
73 and understanding in the world.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor commemorate  
75 August of 2022 as the 91st anniversary of Helen Foster Snow's first arrival in Asia.