

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 354

Congratulating the staff, community, and patrons of the Utah Shakespeare Festival on the festival's 50th anniversary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2011

Mr. MATHESON (for himself and Ms. BERKLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the staff, community, and patrons of the Utah Shakespeare Festival on the festival's 50th anniversary.

Whereas the Utah Shakespeare Festival was founded in 1962 by Fred C. Adams;

Whereas the inaugural festival featured three plays: *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Hamlet*, and *The Merchant of Venice*;

Whereas performers at the inaugural festival were students and volunteers who supplied their own props and costumes;

Whereas 3,276 visitors attended the inaugural festival;

Whereas today, nearly 150,000 visitors from across the country attend the festival each year;

Whereas the festival has a cast of over sixty professional actors, an artistic company which creates sets, props, and costumes, employs twenty-eight people year-round, and the summer and fall production company consists of approximately 350 individuals;

Whereas the festival is held in Cedar City, Utah, at the Adams Shakespearean Theatre;

Whereas the Adams Shakespearean Theatre is located on the campus of Southern Utah University and is one of few theaters with a layout similar to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, providing invaluable educational opportunities for students at Southern Utah University;

Whereas the festival's success has greatly benefitted the economy of Cedar City, Utah;

Whereas in 2001, the National Governors Association honored the Utah Shakespeare Festival with the award for Distinguished Service in the Arts for Artistic Production; and

Whereas in 2003, Fred C. Adams was named Utah's Entrepreneur of the Year for Community Enrichment by Ernst & Young: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
- 2 gratulates the staff, community, and patrons of the Utah
- 3 Shakespeare Festival on the festival's 50th anniversary.

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