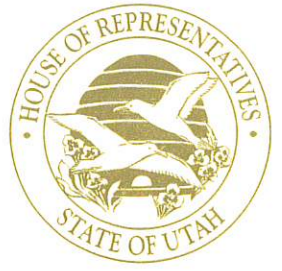




Utah Legislature



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Jane Beckwith


The Utah Legislature honors Jane Beckwith, founder of the Topaz Museum, for her extraordinary leadership in preserving the history of the Topaz incarceration site in Millard County, Utah, and congratulates her on her retirement after decades of dedicated service.

Beginning in 1982 as a teacher at Delta High School, Jane Beckwith initiated a student research project that brought renewed attention to the history of Topaz and the experiences of Japanese Americans who were forcibly removed and incarcerated during World War II. That effort grew into a lifelong commitment to preserving artifacts, artwork, and personal histories connected to the site.

Through her leadership, more than 150 pieces of artwork and numerous historical materials were preserved, the original site was gradually acquired, and 639 of the 640 acres were secured for protection. In 2007, the site received designation as a National Historic Landmark. For decades, she served without salary, guided by a conviction that preserving the history of Topaz was both a moral obligation and an essential part of Utah's heritage.

Jane Beckwith's work transformed remembrance into education and ensured that this chapter of history would remain visible and instructive for future generations.

Now, therefore, be it known that on this 17th day of February 2026, the Utah Legislature expresses its sincere gratitude to Jane Beckwith for her enduring leadership, commitment to historical preservation, and lasting contributions to Utah.



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