

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND RECOUNTING THE HISTORY OF THE DIS-
3 COVERY OF GOLD IN IDAHO AND THE GEORGE GRIMES MONUMENT AND OFFICIALLY
4 RECOGNIZING THE IDAHO SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND THE GOLD 2012
5 COMMITTEE.

6 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 WHEREAS, gold was discovered in Washington Territory, now Boise County,
8 Idaho, in August 1862 by a party of twelve miners led by Moses Splawn, George
9 Grimes and Joseph Branstetter; and

10 WHEREAS, George Grimes lost his life and was buried in what is now known
11 as Grimes Pass, which is located in Boise County, Idaho; and

12 WHEREAS, in August 1914, Dr. John C. Mitchell delivered an address at
13 the Grimes grave, noting the dilapidated condition of the fence and marker;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, in April 1920, Dr. R.W. Hale and Frank Coffin began efforts
16 to raise funds for the purpose of erecting a suitable monument in memory of
17 George Grimes as an Idaho pathfinder; and

18 WHEREAS, on April 22, 1926, the U.S. Forest Service gave the Sons of
19 Idaho five acres surrounding George Grimes' grave for the purpose of erect-
20 ing a monument in memory of George Grimes; and

21 WHEREAS, on September 11, 1926, the Sons of Idaho erected a monument of
22 native granite and Governor James H. Hawley dedicated the monument in honor
23 of the venturesome spirit of George Grimes; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Boise Basin Boosters formed the Gold 2012 Commit-
25 tee to preserve and restore the Grimes Monument site; and

26 WHEREAS, the Gold 2012 Committee has undertaken to preserve the Grimes
27 Monument, historic cemeteries in the Centerville Valley, Boise County,
28 Idaho, and to celebrate the 150th year of the discovery of gold in Idaho; and

29 WHEREAS, in April 2010, it was discovered that access to the Grimes Mon-
30 ument site had been removed and replaced with an ATV trail leading to the im-
31 minent danger of the monument collapsing; and

32 WHEREAS, in June 2010, the Gold 2012 Committee made emergency repairs to
33 stabilize the Grimes Monument; and

34 WHEREAS, in September 2010, the United States Forest Service erected a
35 fence to restrict access to the Grimes Monument site, allowing foot traffic
36 only; and

37 WHEREAS, the year 2012 will mark the 150th year of the discovery of gold
38 in Washington Territory, an event that contributed to the establishment of
39 the state of Idaho; and

40 WHEREAS, further restoration of the Grimes Monument, as well as sur-
41 rounding historical sites that have fallen into disrepair, is needed.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Ses-
43 sion of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and

1 the Senate concurring therein, that the week of July 28 through August 4,
2 2012, be officially recognized as the Idaho Sesquicentennial Celebration
3 and that the Gold 2012 Committee be the official state of Idaho organizer for
4 such Celebration.