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## **CAL RAMPTON'S NAME TO INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS NEW CAPITOL BOARDROOM TO BE NAMED AFTER FORMER GOVERNOR**

SALT LAKE CITY – The Governor's Boardroom in the newly renovated Utah State Capitol will be named the Cal Rampton Boardroom.

Mr. Rampton, 93, a popular three-time centrist democratic governor of the State of Utah, was first elected in 1964 and is the only Utah governor to serve three full terms.

Governor Jon Huntsman said, "When future generations of state leaders enter this boardroom the inspiration of a great leader will accompany them. Governor Rampton's example is one we can all emulate and, to the extent we do, we will be better and more effective. He was a powerful statesman. The work he and his team invested, their beliefs and their vision helped build Utah into the great state it is today."

Majority and Minority Leaders in both legislative chambers will sponsor a resolution making the change official during the next legislative session.

Senate Minority Leader Mike Dmitrich said, "Governor Rampton is a true statesman. He modernized state government to function as it does today. Under his leadership, the Board of Regents was established, which significantly enhanced our higher education system. He established the first statewide bond to modernize state buildings at higher education facilities. Since many important decisions have been made in the Governor's Board Room, it is appropriate for this room to be named after Governor Rampton who believed in an open government for Utah's citizens."

"Governor Rampton was an effective politician in an era where effectiveness depended on the depth of your character and the strength of your mind, not just the zeal of your politics," said Senate President John Valentine. "The impression people should feel, walking into that room, is Utah's high-level policy discussions are open to strong leadership and bright minds, regardless of the artificial lines between us. Cal Rampton embodies that philosophy and was successful because of it."

Speaker of the House Greg Curtis said, "When Governor Rampton believed in something he would follow through. He was a tough, progressive governor, and he was a true

visionary. The opening of a new state capitol presents the unique opportunity to recognize one of the true giants in Utah State history."

In the newly renovated Capitol Building the space formerly taken by the governor's boardroom will be a reception area. The new Rampton Boardroom will be directly to the north. This boardroom has been designed consistent with historic finishes throughout the capitol. The light fixtures, drapery, painting, carpet, and furnishings will be historically accurate to 1915. However, the boardroom table – which replicates the governor's original table – will also hold power and data connections. A wooden cabinet will house state-of-the-art technology, including screens, speakers, cameras and other telecommunications gear, making this room both cutting edge and uniquely historic.

"Renaming the Governor's Boardroom for Governor Rampton is a fitting tribute to an unsurpassed leader, one whose foresight, intellect and humor has paved the way for Utah's modern era," added Ralph Becker, Minority Leader in the Utah House of Representatives.

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#### NOTES:

1. Find information on Governor Cal Rampton at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calvin\\_L.\\_Rampton](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calvin_L._Rampton)
2. Information on the Capitol Renovation is available at <http://utahstatecapitol.utah.gov/>

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