IN MEMORY OF ERIC WRIGHT

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In August 2010, the Hinckley Institute of Politics and the University of Utah community were deeply grieved by the tragic accident that took the life of one of the Hinckley Institute’s brightest interns. Eric Wright passed away during his internship in Washington, D.C. He had been working in the Office of Congressman Rob Bishop.

“Eric was a vibrant, energizing, and joyful soul who brightened everyone around him. He had a passion for public service, current events, and engaged citizenship. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loving family who helped instill these wonderful attributes in Eric. I am honored to have had him as a student, intern, and friend. No words can express how much we will miss Eric.”

-Kirk Jowers, Director of the Hinckley Institute of Politics

“I was saddened to learn of the untimely passing of University of Utah student Eric Wright ... Eric was an exceptional student with a promising future and will be greatly missed by his fellow students, the faculty, and the staff at the University.”

Michael Young, President of the University of Utah

The Eric Wright Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Eric Wright. Since its inception, it has received more than $56,000 in donations, including a $25,000 donation from the Kirk and Kristen Jowers Global Citizen Scholarship. The Hinckley Institute will begin awarding this scholarship money during 2011 to outstanding students interning in Washington, D.C.

To contribute, checks can be addressed and sent to (donations are tax deductible):

The Eric Wright Scholarship Fund
Hinckley Institute of Politics
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Donations may also be made in Eric’s memory online at www.ericwrightscholarship.com.