

## Statehood Day 2010



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Arizona turned 98 on February 14, 2010. To recognize the event, the State Library coordinated the annual Statehood Day Ceremony for February 11, held in the historic Senate Chambers in the State Capitol Museum.

Secretary of State Ken Bennett served as the emcee. The Trevor G. Browne Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps presented the colors, after which former legislator Phil Hanson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Bennett read a Proclamation from Governor Jan Brewer commemorating the day.

Secretary Bennett recognized Denise Lundin, Clerk of the Cochise Superior Court, and Evelyn Johnson, Executive Director of the Cave Creek Museum, both of whom digitized historic documents for the Arizona Memory Project. State Librarian GladysAnn Wells, President of the Capitol Museum Guild Dee Steen, and President of the Friends of Arizona Archives Doug Kupel surprised Assistant Secretary of State Jim Drake by presenting the **Polly Award** to him.

During the final portion of the program, Secretary Bennett recognized the 11 student winners of the Polly Rosenbaum Writing Contest who wrote on the topic "Count Me In: Why the Census Matters." The contest is sponsored by the Arizona Educational Foundation and APS.