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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring and  
2 recognizing Mr. Jerry Harkness for his professional basketball  
3 career and contributions to his community and the state of  
4 Indiana.

5           *Whereas, Mr. Jerry Harkness is a native of the Harlem*  
6 *section of New York City and played basketball and ran track*  
7 *for DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx;*

8           *Whereas, Mr. Harkness received a scholarship to Loyola*  
9 *University in Chicago after winning the high school city*  
10 *championship in basketball as well as capturing the 1,000-yard*  
11 *run in track;*

12           *Whereas, Mr. Harkness led the Loyola University Ramblers*  
13 *to the 1963 NCAA Basketball title and was named an All*  
14 *American and the Most Valuable Player in the East-West All*  
15 *Star game;*

16           *Whereas, Mr. Harkness went on to earn a degree in sociology*  
17 *and became the first African American store merchandiser for*  
18 *the Quaker Oats company;*

19           *Whereas, Mr. Harkness then joined the New York*  
20 *Knickerbockers and later became a member of the American*  
21 *Basketball Association's Indiana Pacers;*

22           *Whereas, Mr. Harkness made the longest three-point shot (88*  
23 *feet) in pro basketball history as a Pacer in 1967 and held that*  
24 *record for 34 years. He still holds the record for the longest*  
25 *shot to win a game;*



1       *Whereas, Mr. Harkness became the first African American*  
2 *sportscaster for television station WTHR-13 following his*  
3 *retirement from the Indiana Pacers, and he held the same*  
4 *position with WTLC radio;*

5       *Whereas, Mr. Harkness contributed his knowledge and skill*  
6 *in basketball as a sports analyst for the Indiana Pacers and*  
7 *Loyola University of Chicago;*

8       *Whereas, Mr. Harkness demonstrated a passion to volunteer*  
9 *and give back to the community, which led him to become the*  
10 *first African American fundraiser for the United Way, where he*  
11 *worked for 25 years;*

12       *Whereas, Mr. Harkness showed love for his community,*  
13 *which led him to become one of the founders of 100 Black Men*  
14 *in Indianapolis and the Indiana Black Expo;*

15       *Whereas, Mr. Harkness was recognized by President Barack*  
16 *Obama in 2013 for his contributions as captain of the 1963*  
17 *Loyola team;*

18       *Whereas, Mr. Harkness has also been inducted into the*  
19 *Indiana, Manhattan, and Harlem basketball halls of fame for*  
20 *his contributions to the sport, and his basketball number 15 has*  
21 *been retired at Loyola University; and*

22       *Whereas, Mr. Harkness has received numerous awards*  
23 *including: the NCAA Silver Anniversary Community Service*  
24 *Award; the Boy Scout "This is Your Life" Service Award; the*  
25 *Jefferson Community Service Award; the Sports Illustrated*  
26 *Award; the Muhammad Ali Award; and induction into the*  
27 *National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame with his entire*  
28 *1963 Loyola team: Therefore,*

29                   *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
30                   *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
31                   *the Senate concurring:*

32       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors and  
33 recognizes Mr. Jerry Harkness for his professional basketball  
34 career and contributions to his community and the state of  
35 Indiana.

36       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of



- 1 Representatives shall transmit a copy of the resolution to Mr.
- 2 Jerry Harkness.

