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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring the life and
2 legacy of Tom Jernstedt.

3 *Whereas, Mr. Thomas Walter Jernstedt, a legend and*
4 *champion for men and women student athletes, passed away*
5 *September 5, 2020;*

6 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt, who spent 38 years working for the*
7 *National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) as a leader*
8 *and passionate administrator, is often referred to as the*
9 *"Father of the Final Four";*

10 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt was born in McMinnville, Oregon, on*
11 *November 24, 1944, to Don and Catherine Jernstedt;*

12 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt grew up in the small town of Carlton,*
13 *Oregon, where he was an all-state athlete in football,*
14 *basketball, and baseball at Yamhill-Carlton High School and*
15 *also served as the student body president;*

16 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt attended the University of Oregon,*
17 *becoming the student body president, again, before graduating*
18 *in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in political science and a*
19 *master's in education in 1973;*

20 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt worked in the University of Oregon*
21 *Athletics Department as an events manager before taking a*
22 *position with the NCAA as director of events in 1972;*

23 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt held multiple governance positions*
24 *with USA Basketball starting in 1975, culminating as its*



1 *president from 2001 to 2004;*

2 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt was influential in moving the NCAA*
 3 *headquarters from Kansas City, Missouri, to Indianapolis in*
 4 *1999, bringing additional prestige and events to the city;*

5 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt's many accomplishments included:*
 6 *induction into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, 2017; the*
 7 *John Bunn Award for outstanding lifetime dedication to*
 8 *basketball, 2001; the University of Oregon's Distinguished*
 9 *Alumni Award, 2001; the United States Sports Academy's*
 10 *Distinguished Service Award; the Indianapolis Convention and*
 11 *Visitors Association's Bill McGowan Leadership Award; and*
 12 *USA Basketball's Edward S. Steitz Award, 2009;*

13 *Whereas, The National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame*
 14 *enshrined Mr. Jernstedt as a contributor to the game in 2010,*
 15 *and he was inducted posthumously into the Oregon Sports Hall*
 16 *of Fame in 2020;*

17 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt received Indiana's highest civilian*
 18 *honor, the Sagamore of the Wabash, in 2017;*

19 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt was known by friends, family, and*
 20 *colleagues as a thoughtful, respectable, likeable, honest, and*
 21 *silent power who "carried a big stick, but never used it";*

22 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt was a loving husband, father,*
 23 *grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend who made time*
 24 *for everyone;*

25 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt is survived by his wife, Kristine; son,*
 26 *Cole; son, Derek; daughter, Jaci; brother, Rich; sister, Missy;*
 27 *sister, Susie; grandchildren, Jake and Avery; and in-laws; and*

28 *Whereas, Mr. Jernstedt lived his life, loved his sport, served*
 29 *his community, and made a difference in the lives of countless*
 30 *athletes: Therefore,*

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

34 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors the



1 life and legacy of Mr. Thomas Walter Jernstedt for his many
2 years of service with the National Collegiate Athletics
3 Association.

4 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly remembers
5 Mr. Thomas Walter Jernstedt for his many contributions to
6 supporting and promoting collegiate sports across Indiana and
7 the United States of America.

8 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
9 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the
10 office of State Representative Gregory Porter for distribution.

