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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 309 Session of  
2022

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, CAPPELLETTI, HUGHES, BROWNE, MARTIN,  
SCAVELLO, COSTA, KANE, BARTOLOTTA, GORDNER, FONTANA AND  
MENSCH, JUNE 10, 2022

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 10, 2022

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A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the career and achievements of Villanova University  
2 Men's Basketball Coach Jerold Taylor "Jay" Wright, Jr.

3 WHEREAS, Jerold Taylor "Jay" Wright, Jr., the William B.  
4 Finneran-endowed head men's basketball coach at Villanova  
5 University, retired on April 20, 2022, after completing  
6 outstanding service to Villanova University since 2001; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright attended Council Rock High School in  
8 Newtown, Bucks County, and graduated from Bucknell University in  
9 1983; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright has served 28 seasons as a head coach,  
11 including seven seasons at Hofstra University, from 1994 through  
12 2001, and the last 21 seasons at Villanova University; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright was named a six-time Big East Coach of  
14 the Year; and

15 WHEREAS, In January 2020, Mr. Wright was named the Associated  
16 Press men's college basketball Coach of the Decade; and

17 WHEREAS, As the Villanova Wildcats head coach, he held a

1 record of 520-197, a .725 win percentage; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright lead the Wildcats to four appearances in  
3 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Final Four  
4 in 2009, 2016, 2018 and 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2016 and again in 2018, he lead the Wildcats to  
6 win the NCAA national championship; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright was inducted into the Naismith Memorial  
8 Basketball Hall of Fame on September 11, 2021; and

9 WHEREAS, As a coach and mentor, Mr. Wright was beloved by  
10 players, students, fans and the entire Villanova family;  
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the career and achievements  
13 of Villanova University Men's Basketball Coach Jerold Taylor  
14 "Jay" Wright, Jr.