

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND**
2 **ACHIEVEMENTS OF JERRY SLOAN**

3 2021 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor honors the life and
11 legacy of Jerry Sloan.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ honors the life and legacy of Jerry Sloan, basketball player and coach, for his
15 achievements and the positive impact he had on the state of Utah.

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 None

19 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

20 WHEREAS, early in his career as a basketball player, Jerry Sloan rose to fame not only
21 for his talent on the court but also for his incredible work ethic;

22 WHEREAS, known as the Original Bull, Jerry Sloan was the first player to have his
23 number retired by the Chicago Bulls;

24 WHEREAS, during his time with the Chicago Bulls, Jerry Sloan was a two-time NBA
25 All-Star;

26 WHEREAS, Jerry Sloan brought his renowned work ethic to the Utah Jazz organization
27 where he worked for 34 years in multiple roles, notably serving as the head coach of the Utah
28 Jazz for 23 seasons;

29 WHEREAS, during his tenure as head coach, he led the Utah Jazz to 1,223 wins, 19

30 trips to the NBA Playoffs, seven division titles, and two NBA Finals appearances;

31 WHEREAS, in recognition of his many accomplishments, Jerry Sloan was inducted
32 into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009;

33 WHEREAS, a banner hangs in Jerry Sloan's honor in the Vivint Smart Home Arena
34 next to the retired numbers of five exceptional players he coached: Mark Eaton, Darrell
35 Griffith, Jeff Hornacek, Karl Malone, and John Stockton;

36 WHEREAS, in 2016, he was the co-recipient of the Chuck Daly Lifetime Achievement
37 Award, an honor bestowed by the National Basketball Coaches Association;

38 WHEREAS, beloved by generations of Utahns, Jerry Sloan's legacy extends far beyond
39 the basketball court;

40 WHEREAS, he founded the Bobbye and Jerry Sloan Hand-in-Hand Foundation to help
41 individuals and organizations reach their full potential, demonstrating not only his generosity
42 but also his efforts to support his community;

43 WHEREAS, Jerry Sloan exemplified the values of Utah and brought fans from all
44 walks of life together to take pride in the Utah Jazz:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
46 Governor concurring therein, honor a great citizen of the state, Jerry Sloan, for his leadership of
47 the Utah Jazz and the positive impact he has had not only on basketball but also on the citizens
48 of Utah;

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express their
50 sincerest condolences to the family and loved ones of Jerry Sloan for their great loss;

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Jerry Sloan's
52 wife, Tammy Jessop, his children, Kathy Wood, Brian Sloan, and Harry Parrish, and his
53 stepson Rhett Jessop.