

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

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

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

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

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

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Jerry Sloan brought his renowned work ethic to the Utah Jazz organization 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.