

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATALIE WILLIAMS**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Martin R. Stephens**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR RECOGNIZING NATALIE WILLIAMS OF THE UTAH STARZZ FOR HER VICTORY IN THE SONY ALL-STAR 2BALL CHAMPIONSHIP; AND RECOGNIZING HER TREMENDOUS TALENTS ON THE BASKETBALL FLOOR AND HER CONTRIBUTION AS A ROLE MODEL FOR UTAH'S YOUTH.

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

WHEREAS, during the 2000 National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star Game events, Natalie Williams of the Utah Starzz paired with Jeff Hornacek of the Utah Jazz to win the Sony All-Star 2ball championship;

WHEREAS, Natalie Williams was outstanding in the 2ball event, making a key shot that ultimately led to victory in the competition;

WHEREAS, Natalie Williams is a Utah native with many extended family members living in the state;

WHEREAS, Natalie Williams was recently named USA Basketball's Female Athlete of the Year;

WHEREAS, Natalie Williams was also named to the 1999 All-Women's National Basketball Association First Team and will represent the United States in the 2000 Olympic Summer Games in Sydney, Australia;

WHEREAS, Natalie Williams has distinguished herself among fellow athletes with her tenacity, dedication to basketball, and her drive for excellence;

WHEREAS, Utah is proud that Natalie Williams has made Utah her home; and

WHEREAS, Natalie Williams represents the finest in athleticism and professionalism in women's basketball and serves as a role model for many young Utahns:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, recognize Natalie Williams of the Utah Starzz for her victory in the 2000 NBA Sony All-Star 2ball Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize Natalie Williams for her athletic skill and professionalism and for being a role model for Utah's youth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be presented to Natalie Williams and the Utah Starzz.