

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF JOE MCQUEEN**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Sandra Hollins

Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution celebrates the 100th birthday of Joe McQueen.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes Joe McQueen as a nationally renowned jazz musician; and
- ▶ acknowledges Mr. McQueen's upcoming 100th birthday on May 30, 2019.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, Joe McQueen was born on May 30, 1919, in Dallas, Texas and was raised in Ardmore, Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, since the age of 16, Mr. McQueen has been playing the saxophone and performing jazz music;

WHEREAS, Mr. McQueen traveled to Ogden, Utah in the 1940s and has resided there ever since;

WHEREAS, Mr. McQueen was the first African-American in Utah to play at previously white-only establishments and to have a mixed-race band;

WHEREAS, Mr. McQueen performed in Ogden with fellow jazz celebrities such as



28 Charlie Parker, Chet Baker, Paul Gonsalves, Lester Young, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, and
29 Dizzy Gillespie and toured throughout the rocky mountain west;

30 WHEREAS, in 2002, Governor Michael Leavitt declared April 18 as "Joe McQueen
31 Day";

32 WHEREAS, Mr. McQueen continues to perform live in Ogden's music venues; and

33 WHEREAS, on May 30, 2019, Mr. McQueen will celebrate his 100th birthday:

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the state of Utah, the Governor
35 concurring therein, recognizes Joe McQueen as a nationally renowned jazz musician and
36 celebrates Mr. McQueen's 100th birthday.