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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Jerry Sloan was born and raised in Gobbler's Knob,
3 15 miles south of McLeansboro; he is the youngest of 10
4 children and was raised by his mother after his father died
5 when he was 4 years old; and

6 WHEREAS, Jerry Sloan graduated as an all-State player from
7 McLeansboro High School in 1960; he went on to play basketball
8 at the University of Evansville; he led Evansville to the NCAA
9 College Division Championship twice, including a perfect 10
10 29-0 season in 1965; and

11 WHEREAS, Jerry Sloan was first selected by the Baltimore
12 Bullets in 1964 during the third round of the NBA Draft, but
13 opted to remain in college; he was subsequently selected by the
14 Baltimore Bullets again during the 1965 NBA Draft with the 4th
15 pick; he played for the Bullets for one season and then went on
16 to play for the Chicago Bulls during the team's early years;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Jerry Sloan led the Bulls to several playoffs and
19 helped them to win one division title; he averaged 9.1 rebounds
20 per game in his second season, and his career rebounding
21 average of 7.4 rebounds per game was seen as unusually high for
22 a guard; he is currently 4th on the Bulls' all-time scoring

1 list; and

2 WHEREAS, Jerry Sloan's playing career was cut short by a
3 string of knee injuries and switched from playing to coaching;
4 in 1979, he became the Bulls' head coach; in December of 1988,
5 the Utah Jazz chose him as the team's as the new head coach; he
6 went on to enjoy a highly successful run of 16 consecutive
7 seasons of taking the team to the playoffs; he led the Jazz to
8 6 division championships and 10 seasons with greater than 50
9 wins; he also led the Jazz to the NBA Finals twice; and

10 WHEREAS, Jerry Sloan has had a life-long record of
11 achievement in the sport of basketball and an exemplary record
12 as an NBA coach, becoming only the 5th NBA coach in history to
13 attain 1000 victories and the only NBA coach in history to
14 receive 1,000 wins with the same team, the Utah Jazz; in April
15 of 2009, he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball
16 Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, In recognition of Jerry Sloan's lifelong record of
18 hard work, dedication, and exemplary achievement in the sport
19 of basketball, Hamilton County High School will rename its
20 gymnasium as the Sloan Gymnasium on December 15, 2012;
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE

1 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
2 we honor Jerry Sloan on this very special occasion of
3 recognizing his life-long pursuit of excellence in the sport of
4 basketball and outstanding record of achievement in that great
5 pastime; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 delivered to Jerry Sloan as a symbol of our respect and esteem.