

H. Res. 274

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

February 3, 2004.

Whereas John Stockton is the all-time leader in assists in the history of the National Basketball Association;

Whereas Stockton ranks among the top point guards in basketball and was selected in 1996 as one of the “50 Greatest Players in National Basketball Association History”;

Whereas Stockton is the league’s all-time leader in steals, ending his career with an incredible 3,265 steals;

Whereas Stockton loyally played all 19 of his NBA seasons with the Utah Jazz in an era dominated by free agency and propelled his team to the NBA playoffs during each of those years;

Whereas Stockton won two gold medals as a member of the United States men’s basketball “Dream Team” in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona and the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta;

Whereas Stockton has been a perennial All-Star, All-NBA selection, and has made the NBA All-Defensive Team three times;

Whereas Stockton’s commitment to being part of a team made him successful both on the court and off as a dedicated husband to his wife, Nada, and father to his six children;

Whereas Stockton's sportsmanship and commitment to basketball made him a hero to millions of Americans, especially those in his dual hometowns, Salt Lake City, Utah and Spokane, Washington;

Whereas Stockton had a reputation as a true team player who brought out the best in his teammates; and

Whereas, on June 7, 2003, tens of thousands of fans attended a retirement celebration in Salt Lake City, Utah:
Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors John Stockton for an outstanding career;

(2) congratulates John Stockton on his retirement;
and

(3) thanks John Stockton for his contributions to basketball, to the State of Utah, and to the Nation.

Attest:

Clerk.