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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 344

Offered February 26, 2020

Commending the Gate City High School boys' basketball program.

Patrons—Kilgore; Senator: Pillion

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Gate City High School boys' basketball program became the first high school in the United States to be represented by 2,000-point scorers in three successive seasons; and

WHEREAS, Mac McClung, Zac Ervin, and Bradley Dean, members of the Gate City High School Blue Devils' program, each reached the 2,000 career point mark in 2018, 2019, and 2020, respectively, an astronomically improbable athletic feat; and

WHEREAS, Mac McClung, who currently plays as a guard with Georgetown University, led the Gate City Blue Devils to a state championship title in 2018 while tallying 2,801 career points; he holds the distinction of being the first Virginia High School League player to score more than 1,000 points in a single season; and

WHEREAS, Zac Ervin, now a member of the Elon University basketball team, followed Mac McClung's accomplishment with a career total of 2,351 points, earning ninth place on the Virginia High School League leaderboard; and

WHEREAS, Bradley Dean most recently joined the 2,000-point club, lifting Gate City High School further into the echelons of high school basketball history; and

WHEREAS, along with this remarkable accomplishment, Gate City High School became only the second United States high school ever to feature three 2,000-point scorers on one team for at least one season, as all three student-athletes were on the 2017-2018 championship squad; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the Gate City High School basketball program are the result of the tremendous talent and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches, and the unwavering support of the entire Gate City High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend the Gate City High School boys' basketball program for making high school basketball history in 2020; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare copies of this resolution for presentation to Mac McClung, Zac Ervin, and Bradley Dean as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for their extraordinary achievements and best wishes for the future.

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