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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 106

Offered February 10, 2020

Commending Matteo Lambert.

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WHEREAS, Matteo Lambert, a student at Louise Archer Elementary School in Vienna, ran 100 miles in 2019 in support of children battling cancer; and

WHEREAS, Matteo Lambert ran his first race when he was seven years old to honor his grandfather and prostate cancer survivors, an experience that compelled him to find more ways to make a difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Matteo Lambert ran for Hopecam, an organization that aims to overcome the social isolation experienced by children receiving treatment for cancer by connecting them with their classmates through web-enabled technologies; and

WHEREAS, over 32 five-kilometer races from April to October 2019, Matteo Lambert raised nearly \$20,000 in support of Hopecam's mission, helping at least 20 children stay connected with their friends and classmates throughout their treatment and remain positive during a difficult time in their lives; and

WHEREAS, each race, Matteo Lambert wore a cape honoring a child in the Hopecam program and, for his final race in 2019, he invited Hopecam children in the Washington, D.C., area to walk the race with him, ever mindful of the people for whom he is running; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his running project with Hopecam, Matteo Lambert has raised awareness of heroic children through his documentary films, recently earning recognition from the National Parent Teacher Association for his film about Tommy Morrissey, a young golf champion born with one arm; and

WHEREAS, Matteo Lambert has demonstrated great selflessness and concern for others and offered an example of how hard work and perseverance can have a positive impact on one's community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Matteo Lambert, an inspiring young athlete and filmmaker from Vienna, for his efforts to champion his peers in need; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Matteo Lambert as an expression of the General Assembly's wholehearted admiration and profound respect for his dedication and service to others.

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