

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 125

Commending Michael Cherry.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 24, 2022
Agreed to by the Senate, January 27, 2022

WHEREAS, Michael Cherry, a native of Chesapeake, proudly represented the Commonwealth and the United States at the Games of the XXXII Olympiad in Tokyo, Japan, winning a gold medal in the men's 4x400-meter relay event; and

WHEREAS, a former state champion track and field athlete at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake, Michael Cherry attended Florida State University and Louisiana State University and was an eight-time All American and two-time national champion during his college career; and

WHEREAS, at the 2019 IAAF World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar, Michael Cherry earned gold medals in the men's 4x400-meter relay and the mixed 4x400-meter relay events; he subsequently qualified for Team USA with a second-place finish in the 400-meter race at the 2020 United States Olympic Team Trials; and

WHEREAS, in the 2020 Summer Olympics, Michael Cherry competed in the 400-meter race and achieved a fourth-place finish in the final with a personal-best time of 44.21 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cherry returned to the track in the 4x400-meter relay event, where he ran in the leadoff position and built an insurmountable lead for his teammates, Michael Norman, Bryce Deadmon, and Rai Benjamin; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cherry and the rest of the 4x400-meter relay team finished with an impressive time of two minutes and 55.7 seconds to claim the gold medal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Michael Cherry on winning a gold medal at the Games of the XXXII Olympiad; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Michael Cherry as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his outstanding athletic achievements and best wishes for the future.

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