

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 366

Commending Ilia Malinin.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 21, 2023

WHEREAS, Ilia Malinin, a world-class figure skater and senior at George C. Marshall High School in Falls Church, won the gold medal at the Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the SAP Center in San Jose, California, on January 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Ilia Malinin first took to the ice in 2010 under the guidance of his parents, Tatiana Malinina and Roman Skorniakov, who both skated in the Olympics for Uzbekistan; currently, he represents the Washington Figure Skating Club and trains at SkateQuest in Reston; and

WHEREAS, Ilia Malinin saw early success on his rise to figure skating stardom, becoming the 2016 U.S. national juvenile champion, the 2017 U.S. national intermediate champion, and the 2019 U.S. national novice bronze medalist; and

WHEREAS, Ilia Malinin currently holds world junior records for the men's short program, free skate, and combined score following his performances at the 2022 World Junior Figure Skating Championships, where he claimed the gold medal by a margin of nearly 42 points; and

WHEREAS, prior to his victory at the 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Ilia Malinin placed first at several international senior-level competitions, including the 2022 Grand Prix of Espoo, the 2022 CS U.S. International Figure Skating Classic, and the 2022 Skate America, where he became the youngest men's champion in the history of the event; and

WHEREAS, Ilia Malinin is famously the first and only skater to land a quadruple axel in international competition, a maneuver that involves four and a half revolutions and that is widely regarded as the most difficult jump in figure skating; he accomplished the feat for the first time at the 2022 CS U.S. International Figure Skating Classic; and

WHEREAS, Ilia Malinin was named to the Time100 Next list by *Time* magazine in September 2022 in recognition of his role as an emerging leader in the world of figure skating and as one who will have a transformative influence on the future of the sport; and

WHEREAS, through his tremendous dedication and hard work, as well as the unwavering support of his parents, coaches, and fans, Ilia Malinin has risen to the top of men's figure skating, garnering the esteem and respect of all Virginians; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Ilia Malinin hereby be commended for winning the gold medal at the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ilia Malinin as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for his accomplishments and best wishes in his future competitions.

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