

2022 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 674

Commending Eli Sullivan.

Agreed to by the Senate, September 7, 2022

WHEREAS, Eli Sullivan, a student at Crozet Elementary School, won the Cadet Boys' Championship at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's World Horseshoe Pitching Championships in Monroe, Louisiana, in July 2022; and

WHEREAS, Eli Sullivan went undefeated in the championship playoff and preliminary round against five other contestants in the cadet boys division, bringing home a title in his first-ever appearance at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's world tournament; and

WHEREAS, Eli Sullivan began throwing horseshoes around the age of six in his backyard with his father, Evan, who is also a skilled horseshoe pitcher and who has nurtured his son's love and gift for horseshoes over the years; and

WHEREAS, Eli Sullivan has tallied numerous tournament victories, including multiple wins at the Virginia Horseshoe Pitchers Association state championship, on his path to becoming a world champion; and

WHEREAS, Eli Sullivan entered the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's world tournament having successfully recorded ringers, which refers to when the horseshoe completely encircles the stake, at an impressive rate of 64.69 percent in previous events; and

WHEREAS, with a limited number of competitors in the cadet division, which includes boys and girls ages six through 12, Eli Sullivan often faces off against seasoned adults in tournament play; as he has become a renowned star in the world of horseshoes, he has been admired not only for his exceptional skill and focus but for also demonstrating wisdom and humility beyond his years; and

WHEREAS, Eli Sullivan and his family were able to attend the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's world tournament in person in July through the generosity of family, friends, and several local businesses, including Parkway Pharmacy and Crozet Hardware in Crozet, Red Line Construction and Renovation in Earlysville, and Virginia Quality Grow Supplies in Staunton; and

WHEREAS, Eli Sullivan's success is the result of his hard work and dedication, the leadership and guidance of his family and fellow horseshoe competitors, and the unwavering support of the entire Crozet community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Eli Sullivan hereby be commended for winning the 2022 Cadet Boys' Championship at the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association's World Horseshoe Pitching Championships; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Eli Sullivan as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his accomplishments and best wishes in his future endeavors.

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