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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 829

Offered February 20, 2023

Commending Cameron Bouchea Thomas.

Patrons—Hayes, Clark, Hope, Lopez, Rasoul, Seibold, Simonds, Ware and Watts; Senators: Hanger, Howell, Reeves, Spruill and Vogel

WHEREAS, Cameron Bouchea Thomas, a Chesapeake native and rising star of the Brooklyn Nets of the National Basketball Association, became the youngest player in the history of the National Basketball Association to score more than 40 points in three consecutive games on February 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Cameron "Cam" Bouchea Thomas perfected his shot in his youth through daily practice with his mom at the South Norfolk Community Center in Chesapeake; and

WHEREAS, in high school, Cam Thomas played one year at Oscar F. Smith High School in Chesapeake then at the powerhouse Oak Hill Academy in Mouth of Wilson; and

WHEREAS, as a freshman at Louisiana State University in the 2020-2021 season, Cam Thomas was the fourth leading scorer in men's college basketball nationwide, averaging 23 points per game; and

WHEREAS, Cam Thomas' dominant year at Louisiana State University earned him numerous honors, including first-team All-Southeastern Conference (SEC), All-SEC Freshman, *USA Today* SEC Newcomer of the Year, and more; and

WHEREAS, as the 27th pick in the 2021 National Basketball Association (NBA) Draft, Cam Thomas joined an elite group of players from Hampton Roads to be selected in the first round, including J.R. Reid, Alonzo Mourning, Joe Smith, and Allen Iverson; and

WHEREAS, with 43 points against the Phoenix Suns on February 7, 2023, Cam Thomas became the youngest player in the history of the NBA to score more than 40 points in three consecutive games; and

WHEREAS, Cam Thomas set this impressive record at 21 years and 117 days old, having scored 44 points against the Washington Wizards on February 4, 2023, and 47 points against the Los Angeles Clippers on February 6, 2023, in his two prior outings; and

WHEREAS, during this streak, Cam Thomas shot a combined 42-for-75 from the field for a remarkable 56 percent shooting accuracy; he also went 18-for-20 in free throws on the day of his historic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Cam Thomas has demonstrated that he is ready to compete at the highest level in the NBA, and Virginians everywhere look forward to watching his promising career unfold; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Cameron Bouchea Thomas of Chesapeake for becoming the youngest player in the history of the National Basketball Association to score more than 40 points in three consecutive games; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Cameron Bouchea Thomas as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for his historic achievement.

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