

2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 399

Commending the John Marshall High School boys' basketball team.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 23, 2023

WHEREAS, the John Marshall High School boys' basketball team of Richmond was ranked the number one team in the country by the high school sports web publication MaxPreps after winning the Chick-fil-A Classic American Division tournament championship in December 2022; and

WHEREAS, the John Marshall High School Justices rose 15 spots in MaxPreps' rankings after knocking off a series of elite teams on their way to becoming Chick-fil-A Classic American Division tournament champions; and

WHEREAS, after facing a 10-point deficit in the third quarter of the tournament semifinals, the John Marshall Justices rallied to win and move on to the championship game, where the team defeated Wheeler High School of Marietta, Georgia, by a score of 68-55; and

WHEREAS, the John Marshall Justices were led in the tournament by Damon Thompson, Jr., the Chick-fil-A Classic American Division tournament Most Valuable Player; Dennis Parker, Jr., who has committed to play at North Carolina State University; senior Jason Rivera; and freshman Latrell Allmond; and

WHEREAS, with an 87-36 win over Hermitage High School of Richmond on February 7, 2023, the John Marshall High School Justices improved to 21-0 on the season, as the team, which is ranked number one locally by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, sets its sights on finishing the season with a perfect record and winning its third Virginia High School League Class 2 state championship since 2020; and

WHEREAS, the success of the John Marshall Justices is the result of the hard work and dedication of the student-athletes, the leadership and guidance of their coaches and teachers, and the unwavering support of their families and the entire John Marshall High School community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the John Marshall High School boys' basketball team hereby be commended on winning the Chick-fil-A Classic American Division tournament and becoming MaxPreps' number one-ranked team in the nation; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Ty White, head coach of the John Marshall High School boys' basketball team, as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for the team's achievements and best wishes for the remainder of its season.

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