

2023 SESSION

INTRODUCED

23107258D

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 174

Offered February 23, 2023

Commending Matthew McClung.

Patrons—Pillion, Bell and McDougale

WHEREAS, Matthew McClung, a basketball phenom from Gate City who currently plays for the Philadelphia 76ers of the National Basketball Association (NBA) and the Delaware Blue Coats of the NBA G League, won the 2023 NBA Slam Dunk Contest on February 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Matthew "Mac" McClung did not start playing basketball seriously until the seventh grade but quickly devoted himself to the sport, perfecting a shot that would make him the first Virginia High School League (VHSL) player to score more than 1,000 points in a single season; and

WHEREAS, Mac McClung led the Gate City Blue Devils to a VHSL Class 2 state championship in 2018, when his 47 points broke the VHSL scoring record for most points in a state final; and

WHEREAS, after tallying 2,801 points at Gate City, Mac McClung played for two seasons with the Georgetown University Hoyas and then transferred to Texas Tech University for a year, where he averaged 15.5 points per game, 2.7 rebounds per game, and 2.1 assists per game; and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 NBA G League Rookie of the Year in his first year of professional basketball, Mac McClung has spent time on the rosters of the NBA's Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers and the NBA G League's South Bay Lakers and Delaware Blue Coats and recently signed a two-way contract with the Philadelphia 76ers on February 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mac McClung won the 2023 NBA Slam Dunk Contest in resounding fashion, posting a nearly perfect score over the event with four show-stopping dunks; and

WHEREAS, Mac McClung proudly wore his Gate City High School jersey for his final dunk of the contest, bringing his alma mater to the attention of basketball fans around the world; and

WHEREAS, Mac McClung has catapulted to national stardom with his extraordinary performance in this year's dunk contest, providing an inspirational example to young athletes of the Commonwealth of what one can achieve through hard work and dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That Matthew McClung hereby be commended for winning the 2023 National Basketball Association Slam Dunk Contest; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Matthew McClung as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his achievements.

INTRODUCED

SR174