

Senate Resolution 138

By: Senators Stoner of the 6th, Butler of the 55th and Balfour of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Cameron Tidwell of the Shiloh High School basketball team,
2 the Dominion Christian High School basketball team, and Dominion Basketball Head Coach
3 Mike Gold; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Cameron Tidwell is the leading scorer and captain for the Shiloh High School
5 basketball team; and

6 WHEREAS, Cameron displayed his determination and drive at an early age, establishing a
7 goal in sixth grade to score 1,000 points during his varsity basketball career; and

8 WHEREAS, during his senior year at Shiloh and after years of hard work and dedication,
9 Cameron injured his left knee, tearing his ACL; and

10 WHEREAS, despite his doctor's diagnosis and prediction that he would only have a 5-10
11 percent chance of playing basketball again during his senior year, Cameron was motivated
12 to return to the court and meet his goal of 1,000 points before graduation; and

13 WHEREAS, his faith in God and devoted rehabilitation allowed him to return to the game
14 of basketball, and on January 23, 2009, Cameron was poised to meet his 1,000 point goal
15 during an away game against Dominion Christian High School; and

16 WHEREAS, by the third quarter of the game, Cameron was just three points away from his
17 high school career goal with 997 when the unthinkable happened; and

18 WHEREAS, as Cameron came down from a hard drive to the basket his knee gave way and
19 he crashed to the floor of the court in pain and agony, and after ten minutes he had to be
20 carried off the court; and

21 WHEREAS, Cameron's 1,000 point goal was widely known in the local high school
22 basketball community and the head coach of the opposing team, Mike Gold, was just as
23 disappointed for Cameron as everyone in the stands; and

24 WHEREAS, upon the suggestion of Coach Gold, it was arranged that Cameron would score
25 those last few points and achieve his childhood dream, and with the crowd on their feet,
26 Cameron's older brother, Nathan, helped him out to the court; and

27 WHEREAS, the Dominion players stood to the side and allowed Cameron to shoot two more
28 shots with the announcer calling a play by play and the *Rocky* theme song playing in the
29 background; and

30 WHEREAS, the game concluded with tears of joy from all in attendance and Coach Gold
31 handing the game ball to Cameron for his great achievement; and

32 WHEREAS, Cameron's dream would not have become a reality if it had not been for the
33 unselfish and classy sportsmanship of Coach Gold and all the Dominion players, and the
34 great display of the true meaning of sport by all involved that day are worthy of recognition.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
36 commend the dedication and hard work displayed by Cameron Tidwell in scoring 1,000
37 points during his high school career and applaud the integrity and sportsmanship
38 demonstrated by the Dominion Christian High School basketball team and their head coach,
39 Mike Gold.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Cameron Tidwell and Mike Gold.