

111TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 422

Congratulating LeBron James for being named the 2009 Most Valuable Player in the National Basketball Association.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SUTTON (for herself, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. KILROY, Mr. WILSON of Ohio, Mr. SPACE, and Mr. BOCCIERI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating LeBron James for being named the 2009 Most Valuable Player in the National Basketball Association.

Whereas LeBron James was born on December 30, 1984, in Akron, Ohio;

Whereas LeBron James played basketball for and graduated from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School in Akron, Ohio;

Whereas LeBron James was the first sophomore to be named Ohio's "Mr. Basketball";

Whereas LeBron James was named Ohio's "Mr. Basketball" three consecutive years in high school;

Whereas LeBron James was the first sophomore ever selected to the USA Today All-USA First Team;

Whereas the Cleveland Cavaliers drafted LeBron James at the age of 18 with the number one overall pick in the 2003 NBA draft;

Whereas LeBron James was named the NBA Rookie of the Year for the 2003–04 season and named to the NBA All-Rookie Team;

Whereas LeBron James has been selected to the Eastern Conference All-Star Team in the 2004–05, 2005–06, 2006–07, 2007–08, and 2008–09;

Whereas LeBron James was named NBA All-Star Game Most Valuable Player in 2006 and 2008;

Whereas LeBron James was a bronze medalist as part of the 2004 USA men’s national basketball team;

Whereas LeBron James was a gold medalist and a captain of the 2008 USA men’s national basketball team;

Whereas LeBron James contributes in the community with events such as the “King for Kids” Bike-A-Thon held annually in Akron, Ohio;

Whereas LeBron James has been awarded the NBA Community Assist Award for his philanthropic work;

Whereas LeBron James was named the 2008 NBA Scoring Champion;

Whereas LeBron James is the second player in history to post five straight seasons of at least 27 points, six rebounds, and six assists per game;

Whereas LeBron James has achieved 27 career triple-doubles;

Whereas LeBron James averaged 28.4 points, 7.6 rebounds, and 7.2 assists per game during the 2008–09 season; and

Whereas LeBron James has demonstrated that hard work and teamwork can bring success, and has led the Cleveland Cavaliers to 66 wins and 16 losses, the best regular season record in franchise history and in the NBA for the 2008–09 season: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates LeBron James for being
3 named the 2008–09 NBA Most Valuable Player
4 after receiving 109 of a possible 121 first-place
5 votes;

6 (2) commends LeBron James for being the first
7 Cleveland Cavaliers player to be named the NBA
8 Most Valuable Player;

9 (3) commends LeBron James for being the
10 youngest player since 1979 to be named the NBA
11 Most Valuable Player;

12 (4) recognizes LeBron James' contributions to
13 the City of Akron and the City of Cleveland both on
14 and off the court; and

15 (5) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
16 atives to transmit a copy of this resolution to
17 LeBron James, to the Cleveland Cavaliers organiza-
18 tion, and to the Commissioner of the National Bas-
19 ketball Association.

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