

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 562

Honoring the life and legacy of George F. McGinnis.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 12), 2024

Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of George F. McGinnis.

Whereas George F. McGinnis was born on August 12, 1950;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis was on the unbeaten Indianapolis
Washington High School team that won the 1969 State
Basketball Championship;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis was Indiana's Mr. Basketball in
1969;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis was well known for his 53-point and
30-rebound performance in the Indiana All Stars victory
over Kentucky in Louisville's Freedom Hall;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis led the Big Ten in scoring and re-
bounding as a sophomore at Indiana University, aver-
aging 29.9 points and 14.7 rebounds per game;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis became the first sophomore in league history to lead the Big Ten in both points and rebounds per game;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis was named to the Associated Press All-American Third Team and added to the All-Big Ten First Team;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis bypassed his final 2 seasons of National Collegiate Athletic Association eligibility as a hardship case after the sudden loss of his father, Burnie;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis played for his hometown Indiana Pacers for the first 4 seasons of his professional career;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis helped guide the Pacers to 2 of their 3 American Basketball Association championships in 1972 and 1973;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis was the American Basketball Association's co-most valuable player, sharing the title with Julius Irving, in the 1974–1975 American Basketball Association season;

Whereas, in the 1975 American Basketball Association playoffs, Mr. McGinnis averaged 32.3 points, 15.9 rebounds, and 8.2 assists per game;

Whereas, during his 4-year American Basketball Association stint, Mr. McGinnis was named as a 3-time American Basketball Association All-Star, received 3 All-American Basketball Association selections, and was selected to the American Basketball Association All-Rookie First Team;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis then later played with the Philadelphia 76ers, Denver Nuggets, and Indiana Pacers in the National Basketball Association;

Whereas, during his time in the National Basketball Association, Mr. McGinnis earned 3 National Basketball Association All-Star selections, was named to the All-National Basketball Association First Team in 1976, and was voted to the All-National Basketball Association Second Team in 1977;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis compiled 17,009 points and 9,233 rebounds in his 11-year pro basketball career;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis is 1 of 4 Indiana Pacers to have their jersey number retired;

Whereas, in 1997, Mr. McGinnis was selected to the American Basketball Association All-Time Team;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017;

Whereas Mr. McGinnis was inducted into the Indiana University Athletics Hall of Fame on September 22, 2023; and

Whereas Mr. McGinnis passed away on December 14, 2023:
Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) honors the life and legacy of George F.
3 McGinnis, including the dedication of Mr.
4 McGinnis—

5 (A) in particular, to the game of basketball
6 and fans in the Hoosier State; and

7 (B) to his work on and off the court in In-
8 dianapolis and in the State Indiana;

1 (2) recognizes the success of Mr. McGinnis as
2 a source of continuing pride for the entire State of
3 Indiana;

4 (3) gives a heartfelt thank you to Mr. McGinnis
5 for all of the memories and will continue to remem-
6 ber his legacy; and

7 (4) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
8 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-
9 tion to the family of Mr. McGinnis.

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