

A Mayoral Proclamation in Honor of Ezekiel “Zeke” McCoy

WHEREAS, demonstrating that he is clearly a young man willing to take on and overcome any challenge, Ezekiel McCoy decided being one of fourteen players to hit 1000 points at Franklin High School since 1965 was the way he was going to make his mark in the sport of basketball; AND

WHEREAS, when asked his thoughts on this achievement of the all elusive 1,000-point plateau Mr. McCoy stated, “I felt good since 1000 points is a milestone not a lot of people hit. Being the 14th player to hit 1000 points in Franklin feels good and it feels nice knowing my name is presented on a banner!” AND

WHEREAS, this Franklin Golden Tornado has been scoring consistently throughout his High School career amassing 1,100 points in total earning the following description from his Coach, David Bedard. “Zeke showed great development over his high school career. As a freshman, he scored just 28 points all season as a player off the bench. He stepped into the starting lineup as a sophomore and scored 203 points that season. His breakout occurred as a junior when he became the clear cut most talented player on the team and had to step into a leadership role. He doubled his scoring average that season en route to 442 points. He entered his senior season needing 327 points to reach 1,000. He ultimately scored 427 to finish his career with 1,100.”

Coach Bedard states, “The key to the team’s success this season was how the supporting cast around Zeke improved. As a junior Zeke accounted for approximately 50% of the team's total scoring. This season it was about 37% as the scoring averages across the board improved. Our team offense scored 10 more points per game on average compared to a year ago; AND

WHEREAS, Zeke has received honors each of the past two seasons for his on-court accomplishments. In both 2023 and 2024, he was named to the Granite State Conference All-State Team for Division IV South. In 2023, he was voted as an All-State Honorable Mention by the Division IV Coaches. The 2024 All-State teams have not been announced yet but there is an expectation that Zeke will be at the very least a shoe-in for Honorable Mention again and could likely finish on 2nd Team All-State thanks in part to the improved play of the team as a whole; AND

WHEREAS, as a result of his distinguished career at Franklin High School, Ezekiel McCoy now has his name on the Franklin High School gym rafters memorializing his achievement and joining the elite 1,000 career point club; AND

WHEREAS, this fearless contender has earned the admiration of his City and most importantly of his Coach David Bedard who best summed up our pride in this young man by saying, “Zeke’s passion for the game of basketball was evident from the day I met him. I am most proud, however, not of the basketball player he has become but the young man I watched him grow into over four years. He genuinely cares about the success of the team and seeing his teammates improve. He was always courteous in every interaction he had with officials and

other coaches, and truly loves the game of basketball. We talked regularly in his four years about game plans, opponents, and the game in general; he was always receptive to feedback, always coachable. I will surely miss being his coach, but cannot wait to see what amazing things he does in the future both on and especially off the court.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Desiree McLaughlin, Mayor of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim today – Monday, March 4th, 2024 - as:

EZEKIEL MCCOY DAY

in the City of Franklin and urge all citizens to join with family and friends in celebrating this day by extending our congratulations and best wishes to Ezekiel McCoy and his very proud family.



Given by my hand with the authority of the People of Franklin and under the Great Seal of Their City in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and the Independence of the United States, two hundred and forty-eight.

Proclaimed By:

Desiree McLaughlin
Desiree McLaughlin, Mayor, City of Franklin