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"With eight minutes left in the game, Jullaion Jones, a junior at DeLaSalle Education Center, trained his eyes on the court; his team was up three points and he wanted to keep the lead. Suddenly a fight among a group of young men erupted in the gym; moments later, gunshots rang out.

As people dashed for the exits and ducked for cover, Jullaion saw 6-year-old Desean Merritt standing on the sidelines, frightened and crying. He flung himself on Desean, pulling the boy to the floor and shielding him as bullets whizzed past; one grazed Jullaion's right shin."

From the nominator:

The remainder of the basketball game was cancelled. Jullaion's courage was uncommon. He and his basketball team members displayed poise and maturity during the game. Please recognize Jullaion's humanity with an opportunity to meet Tony Dungy. Thank you.

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