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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING RHODE ISLAND NATIVE AND UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE  
BASKETBALL PLAYER MIKE MARRA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING BASKETBALL  
CAREER AND ON BEING AN INTEGRAL PART OF LOUISVILLE'S 2012-2013  
CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON IN NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, Costantino, Newberry, O'Brien, and O'Neill

Date Introduced: April 25, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Mike Marra is a Rhode Island and Smithfield native and one of two sons,  
2 along with Robert, born to Bonnie Greenlaw-Marra and Anthony Marra. At an early age, he  
3 exhibited a passion for the game of basketball and a work ethic second to none. He became  
4 known in amateur basketball circles across the country due to his outstanding play with St.  
5 Michael's CYO team, for Coach Joe Bennett on the Smithfield Boys Basketball Team, and with  
6 the Rhode Island Hawks AAU team. He was a 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State selection as a Junior and his  
7 shooting form was so good that legendary basketball coach Rick Pitino said that in all of his years  
8 working and following basketball, Mike Marra was the best shooter he had ever seen; and

9           WHEREAS, Mike was pursued by numerous colleges and universities, including Notre  
10 Dame, Providence College, the University of Rhode Island, and the University of Massachusetts,  
11 but he chose to sign with the University of Louisville and play for coach Rick Pitino; and

12           WHEREAS, After seeing action in twenty-seven games as a freshman, Mike broke out in  
13 his sophomore season and was universally recognized as a rising star in the game of college  
14 basketball. He was a double figure scorer in eleven games and hit 45 three pointers in 31 games;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Unfortunately, Mike hurt his knee in each of the last two seasons, with both  
17 injuries making him unable to continue playing basketball with his team. However, according to  
18 Coach Pitino, Mike is not only a talented player, but he's also a respected presence on the team in

1 the locker room and has an astute feel for the game. As a result, Coach Pitino made Mike this  
2 season a “player-coach” after his latest knee injury. Mike charted deflections and turnovers for  
3 each game, kept a “shot chart” for all shots taken in a game by Louisville and the opposition, and  
4 was relied upon by Pitino to keep the coaching staff updated on the daily “temperature of the  
5 team.” As he has done with every endeavor in his life, Mike poured his heart and soul into his  
6 new responsibilities and was an integral part of Louisville’s championship season; now, therefore  
7 be it

8           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
9 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Mike Marra on the conclusion of his outstanding  
10 basketball playing career and for his role in helping Louisville to win the 2012-2013 men’s  
11 college basketball championship. We wish him continued success in all future endeavors; and be  
12 it further

13           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mike Marra.

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