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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

**CONGRATULATING JEFFREY M. ROSE, HEAD COACH OF THE GIRLS' CROSS
COUNTRY TEAM PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ON RECEIVING THE NATIONAL
FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS' 2017-2018 RHODE ISLAND
COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Introduced By: Representatives Cortvriend, Canario, Edwards, Donovan, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: February 26, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The National Federation of State High School Associations' (NFHS) is the
2 national body that writes the rules of competition for almost all high school sports and activities
3 in the United States. More than 19,500 high schools in the United States belong to the NFHS; and

4 WHEREAS, Jeffrey M. Rose has been coaching and teaching at Portsmouth High School
5 since 2010. In his capacity as the head coach of the Portsmouth High School Girls' Cross Country
6 Team, he has led them to consecutive Rhode Island State Championships. Under his leadership
7 and guidance, standout Senior Elizabeth Sullivan won the Girls' individual title, the first such
8 accomplishment at Portsmouth High School since 1997; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Rose expertly led a team that had suffered from injuries throughout
10 the season. Team leader Elizabeth Sullivan had to battle back from an injury that forced her to
11 miss all of the outdoor competition last spring, teammate Nike Merrill had to miss the early part
12 of the season due to a hip injury and still was not one hundred percent at the State Championship,
13 and fellow senior Olive Allen also suffered from a recent health scare and also was not
14 completely healthy at the title meet. Yet despite the injuries and obstacles the team had to
15 overcome, and despite how difficult it is to repeat as champions, Coach Rose kept the team
16 focused and their spirits up, and together they found a way to repeat as state champions and,
17 incredibly, crushed second-place finisher Barrington High School by forty points; now, therefore
18 be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Jeffrey M. Rose, Head Coach of the Portsmouth
3 High School Girls' Cross Country Team, on being named the 2017-2018 Rhode Island Coach of
4 the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations'. We thank him for being
5 an excellent teacher, coach and role model, and wish him much continued success as both a
6 teacher and coach at Portsmouth High School; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Jeffrey M. Rose, Head Coach of the
9 Portsmouth High School Girls' Cross Country Team.

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