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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE NORTH KINGSTOWN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON  
WINNING THE 2018-2019 RHODE ISLAND BOYS BASKETBALL DIVISION ONE  
TOURNAMENT AND THE 2018-2019 RHODE ISLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
TOURNAMENT

Introduced By: Senators Sheehan, Valverde, Ruggerio, Lombardi, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: April 02, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The North Kingstown Boys Basketball Team had an outstanding regular  
2 season in 2018-2019, compiling a stellar and league best 15-3 Division I-C record and earning a  
3 first-round bye in the Division I Boys Basketball Tournament; and

4           WHEREAS, In the State Tournament, North Kingstown easily dispatched rival South  
5 Kingstown in the Quarterfinals by the score of 66-44. In the Semi-Finals, the Skippers faced a  
6 determined opponent in Cranston East, and found themselves locked in a tight battle late in the  
7 second half before going on a run that secured a hard-fought 74-62 victory to advance to the  
8 Championship game; and

9           WHEREAS, In the Division I Tournament championship game played at CCRI's  
10 Warwick Cullen Field House, The Skippers faced perennial boys basketball favorite Bishop  
11 Hendricken in a thrilling game that will long be remembered as one of the best games in Rhode  
12 Island High School Boys basketball history. Led by their star player Ben Massie, who scored  
13 twenty points, North Kingstown ripped off a 12-3 run, capped by a Massie clutch three-point  
14 shot, to build a seven point lead late in the game, a lead they never relinquished as they won their  
15 first state crown since the 1989-1990 season by the score of 64-60; and

16           WHEREAS, In the Rhode Island State Championship Tournament that followed the  
17 Division I Tournament, the Skippers entered as the number two seed overall and plowed through  
18 the competition, easily sweeping the big Rhode Island High school Boys basketball events of the

1 2018-2019 season. North Kingstown won all four games of the State Tournament by at least  
2 twenty points or more as they thrashed in succeeding order, Ponaganset in the sweet 16 by the  
3 score of 96 to 52, Westerly in the Elite 8 by the score of 100 to 64, Cranston East in the Final 4  
4 by the score of 86 to 49, and Woonsocket in the Championship game by the score of 77-57; and

5           WHEREAS, Winning State Championships in team events are enormous achievements  
6 requiring that every member of the team put team needs and team goals ahead of their individual  
7 wants and aspirations. The North Kingstown Boys Basketball team had those qualities in  
8 abundance as they were led all season by the outstanding play and sacrifice provided by John  
9 Quainoo, Nick Sacchetti, Tristan Curran, Clay Brochu, Nolan Bush, Aiden Hindley-Rivera, Ben  
10 Masse, Owen Moynihan, Dylan Poirier, Geoff Coyne, Nick Quarella, Mason Walsh, Dan Smith,  
11 Rock Deresky, Caleb Wagner, and Ryder Andersen. The squad was also blessed to have the  
12 innovative coaching and leadership that was provided by Head Coach Aaron Thomas, and  
13 Assistant Coaches Kevin Gormley, and James Simmons; now, therefore be it

14           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
15 hereby congratulates the North Kingstown Boys Basketball Team on winning the 2018-2019  
16 Rhode Island Division I Basketball Tournament and the 2018-2019 Rhode Island Boys Basketball  
17 State Tournament; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to North Kingstown Boys Basketball Head Coach  
20 Aaron Thomas.

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