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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CONGRATULATING THE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION II GIRLS BASKETBALL
TEAM FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND STRAIGHT RHODE ISLAND STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Representatives Menard, Petrarca, and McManus

Date Introduced: May 18, 2006

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Girls Basketball Team capped off an outstanding 26-1 regular
2 season record, including an 18 game winning streak and a perfect 16-0 record in their Division,
3 by repeating as State Champions; and

4 WHEREAS, Lincoln began their playoff run by crushing Tiverton 73-39 in the
5 Quarterfinals and beating Burrillville 58-48 in a hard fought semi-final game, thanks in part to
6 Senior Bethany O'Dell's 24 points, 14 rebounds and 6 steals. With Lincoln clinging to a one point
7 43-42 lead with less than seven minutes remaining, Lincoln went on a clutch 11-0 run to put the
8 game away; and

9 WHEREAS, The Championship game against Barrington was expected to be a nail-biter
10 but instead turned into a 66-36 rout as Lincoln's three Seniors, Bethany O'Dell, Kelly Martin and
11 Erin Macro, dominated the game from start to finish. O'Dell, chosen State Tournament MVP for
12 the second year in a row, poured in 21 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and collected 8 assists.
13 Center Erin Macro contributed a game high 22 points along with 9 rebounds, while Senior Guard
14 Kelly Martin provided steady guidance and dished out 13 assists; and

15 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Girls Basketball Team was directed by new head coach Mike
16 Bedrossian and his wife, assistant coach Bethany Bedrossian. In sports, sometimes the hardest
17 thing for a coach to do is take over a winning program and maintain its winning tradition. Mike
18 and Bethany accomplished this difficult task and quickly gained the trust and confidence of the
19 team because they are talented basketball coaches, excellent teachers, and exemplary leaders; and

1 WHEREAS, Mike and Bethany stressed, from the first team meeting to the present, that
2 character, family, academics and "The Team" were what mattered most. Bethany O'Dell, the
3 Rhode Island Gatorade Girls Basketball Player of the Year and a three-time All-State Basketball
4 First Team selection, ranks in the top 33 of her class academically, and will be attending the
5 College of the Holy Cross on a full scholarship. Erin Macro ranks in the top 20 of her class
6 academically, and will be attending the University of Hartford on a volleyball scholarship. Kelly
7 Martin will be continuing her basketball journey and studies at CCRI; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to the contributions of Bethany O'Dell, Erin Macro and Kelly
9 Martin, the Lincoln Girls Basketball Team would not have been able to repeat as Rhode Island
10 Division II State Champions without the contributions of Danielle Cartier, Ashley O'Dell,
11 Courtney Couture, Brittany Allen, Sarah Adams, Jill Butler, Lauren Bradshaw, Ashley Harris,
12 Julie Paradis, April Daugherty, and Diana Ricci; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
14 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Lincoln Girls High School Basketball Team for
15 winning its second straight Rhode Island Division II Basketball Championship, and wishes all the
16 players and coaches continued success in all future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mike Bedrossian and Brian Corry of Lincoln
19 High School.

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