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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL HOBEY BAKER HIGH SCHOOL CHARACTER AWARD

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, Paiva Weed, Felag, Metts, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: March 14, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Interscholastic Hockey Coaches Association, in 1 conjunction with the Hobey Baker Memorial Award Foundation, has awarded one high school 2 3 senior from each of the state's forty-three participating high schools with the annual Hobey Baker 4 High School Character Award; and WHEREAS, Hobey Baker was the ultimate athlete. He was the captain of both the 5 6 Hockey and Football teams at Princeton University in 1910. He was inducted into the College, 7 the Canadian, and the American Halls of Fame. He served his country with valor and distinction 8 during World War I as a fighter pilot, but shortly before returning home at the war's end, he was 9 killed in a plane crash in France. He was the embodiment of true sportsmanship and is a symbol 10 of the perfect hero; and 11 WHEREAS, This prestigious award, given in his honor, acknowledges the student-12 athletes who have demonstrated exemplary spirit, character, and sportsmanship on their teams, at 13 their schools, and in their communities; and 14 WHEREAS, Each of this year's forty-three award winners are remarkable young men 15 and women who have demonstrated that they are eminently worthy of this prestigious 16 achievement and our recognition; now, therefore be it 17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby recognizes the winners of the 2011-2012 Hobey Baker High School Character Award. We

congratulate them for exhibiting superior character and exemplary sportsmanship during the past

- 1 hockey season, and we encourage all of this year's winners to continue to be the kind of
- 2 determined and dedicated young men and women that America truly needs; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
- 4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution Joseph Judge, Rhode Island State Director, Hobey
- 5 Baker Character Foundation.

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