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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ARCHIE R. COLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, EAST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND, FOR BEING NAMED A 2015 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Introduced By: Representative Antonio Giarrusso

Date Introduced: January 12, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

WHEREAS, Being named a National Blue Ribbon School is the pinnacle of national 1 2 awards for schools in the United States. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program began in 1982 as a way to recognize public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on 3 their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps. This prestigious 4 award is only given to the highest performing schools in the United States. Only 335 schools 5 nationally were recognized in 2015, and one of them was the Archie R. Cole Middle School in 6 7 East Greenwich, Rhode Island; and WHEREAS, The Archie R. Cole Middle School has 633 students, attending grades 6-8. 8 9 Archie R. Cole Middle School teachers and Principal Alexis L. Meyer take pride in ensuring that a nurturing environment exists for all of its students. Excellence is the goal and the best 10 pedagogical practices are used to achieve that goal and to make a difference in the lives of every 11 12 student that attends Cole. The vision and mission Cole stands for is "to be a shining model of excellence at the middle level"; and 13 WHEREAS, This achievement would not be possible without the dedicated support and 14 15 tireless work provided daily by all the teachers, administrators, staff members, families and students at the Archie R. Cole Middle School. The Archie R. Cole Middle School was deservedly 16 honored along with 285 public schools and 50 private schools at a ceremony in Washington, D. 17 C.; now, therefore be it 18

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

- 1 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Archie R. Cole Middle School for being named a
- 2 2015 Blue Ribbon School; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Alexis L. Meyer, Principal, Archie R. Cole
- 5 Middle School.

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