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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING BRANDON CASALE ON BEING NAMED THE 2018 SMITE WORLD
CHAMPION GAMER

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Lima, Jacquard, Quattrocchi, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: March 20, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is fitting that this House recognizes those young people who have exalted
2 themselves through their talents and unflinching commitment to excellence in their chosen field;
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4 WHEREAS, Brandon Casale, a 17 year-old senior at Cranston High School West, is a
5 third year student in the Cranston Area Career and Technical Center's (CACTC) Interactive
6 Digital Media program; and

7 WHEREAS, Possessing excellent hand-eye coordination and amazing stamina, Brandon
8 began playing the online, multi-player game Smite four or five years ago just for fun. After
9 acquiring solid background knowledge from taking courses at CACTC, where he learned
10 computer science skills including coding, graphics, and frames per second, he perfected his game
11 and became a true challenger; and

12 WHEREAS, Smite is a ranked system, where the more a player succeeds, the more they
13 progress. After playing on a lower-end team, Brandon's victories and skills earned him
14 recognition from his peers and placement as the fifth spot for the North American team, where he
15 is the second youngest player on the team; and

16 WHEREAS, In January of 2018, Brandon's team, playing for the E-Sports Smite Pro
17 League, competed at the world championship tournament in Atlanta, Georgia, playing the game
18 "Moba", a mythology-based game, in front of 15,000 people, with 100,000 people watching
19 online. Brandon's win earned him an amazing \$120,000 and the title of MVP of the tournament;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Brandon dared to dream, and had the talent and skill to make those dreams
3 become a reality. In addition to his gaming and computer skills, he has been described as a polite
4 young man with a great personality, and he is truly deserving of our recognition and praise; now,
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
7 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and recognizes Brandon Casale on being named the
8 2018 Smite World Champion Gamer. We wish him good health, much happiness, and continued
9 success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Brandon Casale.

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