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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM  
ON WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND GIRLS BASKETBALL DIVISION III  
CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Metts, Lombardi, DiPalma, and Satchell

Date Introduced: March 15, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Tiverton Girls Basketball Team compiled an outstanding 18-2 regular  
2 season record and a stellar 17-1 divisional record, good for a first place finish in the East  
3 Division; and

4 WHEREAS, In the Division III State playoffs, the Tiverton Girls Basketball Team earned  
5 the #1 seed and a first round bye. In the Quarterfinals, Tiverton faced Blackstone Valley and,  
6 thanks to a ferocious display of defensive intensity in the second half, they overcame a four point  
7 deficit at the half to win going away by the score of 44 to 34. From the four minute mark in the  
8 second half to the end of the game, the Tiverton squad outscored Blackstone Valley 18-3, forced  
9 10 turnovers, and held the opposition to one basket in the last 12 minutes; and

10 WHEREAS, In the Semi-Finals the Tiverton Basketball Team once again faced a four  
11 point half-time deficit and once again they surged back for the win. Tiverton ramped up their  
12 defense in the second half, forcing numerous steals that led to easy layup baskets. Aja Caldwell  
13 and Mariah Ramos continued their outstanding play and when North Providence had them  
14 covered, Jillian DaSilva hit clutch baseline jump shots to help secure the victory for Tiverton by  
15 the score of 44-40 earning the Tigers a berth in the State Championship game against Classical  
16 High School; and

17 WHEREAS, After suffering through a 34 year drought, the Tiverton Girls Basketball  
18 Team won its first State Title since 1984 when they defeated Classical High School by the score  
19 of 34-32 in a game played at Rhode Island College. Thanks to a game leading 12 points

1 contributed by Mariah Ramos and a hot start that gave Tiverton leads of 17-12 at the half and a  
2 nine point lead four minutes into the second half, the Tigers held off a Classical High School rally  
3 late in the game to emerge victorious and clinching the State Title; and

4 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship in a team sport is an immense achievement,  
5 one that requires superb leadership and the unselfish contributions of everyone on the team.  
6 Members of the team must place personal aspirations and desires secondary to team needs and  
7 goals. The Tiverton Girls Basketball Team had those attributes in abundance as they were led all  
8 season by the important contributions provided by players Mikayla Andrews, Aja Caldwell,  
9 Marisa Cater, Jillian DaSilva, Mercedes Lopes, Rachel Pare, Sydney Pelletier, Mariah Ramos,  
10 Halen DellaVecchia-Ronan, and Jaimi Vaillancourt. The Tiverton Team was also blessed all  
11 season to have the leadership and innovative coaching that was provided by Head Coach Jonette  
12 Lopes and Assistant Coach Cara Faria; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
14 hereby honors and congratulates the Tiverton Girls Basketball Team on winning the Rhode Island  
15 Girls Basketball Division III Championship; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Tiverton Girls Basketball Head Coach, Jonette  
18 Lopes.

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