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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE RHODE ISLAND GIRLS BASKETBALL DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Hull, Blazejewski, and Filippi

Date Introduced: March 09, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Mount Pleasant Kilties Girls Basketball Team began their quest to 2 repeat as Division III champions in the first round of the playoffs when they easily dispatched 3 Mount St. Charles Academy by the score of 49 to 28 to meet Division winner North Smithfield in 4 the Semi-finals. In an exciting back-and-forth contest, Mount Pleasant rallied back from a three point half-time deficit thanks to the clutch play of Mount Pleasant's senior forward Francheska 5 Contreras, who scored ten points in the third quarter and a game high twenty-one points for the 6 7 game to lead the Kilties to a tough 53-48 victory and advancement to the Championship game; 8 and 9 WHEREAS, In a thrilling championship game held at Rhode Island College, Mount 10 Pleasant repeated as Division III Rhode Island Champions in a come-from-behind victory over 11 their arch-rivals, Mount Hope. Things didn't look good for the Kilties early in the fourth quarter 12 as they trailed by seven points and had their star player, Francheska Contreras, on the bench due 13 to foul trouble. However, Ms. Contreras once again lived up to her reputation as being a big game 14 clutch performer as she put on one of the greatest title game performances, scoring fourteen of 15 Mount Pleasant's last nineteen points and rallied her team to dramatic 45-40 victory to repeat as State Champions; and 16 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship in any sport in a difficult endeavor, one that 17 18 requires that everyone on the team give all they have and put personal aspirations behind team 19 goals. The Mount Pleasant Girls Basketball Team certainly had all of those attributes in

- 1 abundance as they were led all season by the important contributions made by Francheska
- 2 Contreras, Elilah Coste, Juliza Coste, Amya Perry, Kelsey Hatch, Davonna Jackley, Nolfry
- 3 Luciano, Jasmine Garcia, Nayeshka Contreras, Julissa Walmsey, Jalaya Walmsey, Ameera
- 4 Quinones, Nicole Susana and Samira Brigs, and the outstanding leadership and innovative
- 5 coaching provided by Head Coach Zachary Pinto and Assistant Coach Carmen Marshall; now,
- 6 therefore be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
- 8 congratulates the Mount Pleasant High School Girls Basketball Team on winning the 2021
- 9 Division III State Championship; 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 Head Coach Zachary Pinto, Mount Pleasant
- 12 Girls Basketball Team.

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