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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE BRYANT UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON
WINNING THE 2022 NORTHEAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP AND WISHING
THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE 2022 NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Hawkins, Costantino, Edwards, Giraldo,
Solomon, Messier, Phillips, Shekarchi, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: March 15, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The 2021-2022 Bryant University Bulldogs Men's Basketball Team have
2 thus far compiled an outstanding record of 22-9 and finished in first place in the Northeast
3 Conference (NEC) regular season; and

4 WHEREAS, The Bryant Bulldogs also claimed its first ever NEC Conference
5 Tournament Championship and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament. In the conference
6 tournament, they easily dispatched Central Connecticut in the first round by fourteen points, but
7 in the second round they faced a severe challenge from Mount St. Mary's before finally
8 prevailing by one point in a thrilling 70-69 victory. The Bulldogs then proceeded to arguably play
9 their best game of the season as they thrashed second-seeded Wagner in the championship game
10 by the score of 70-43; and

11 WHEREAS, Bryant was led all season by its leading scorer, senior guard Peter Kiss, who
12 averaged 25 points per game and was named to the NEC All-Tournament Team, and chosen the
13 NEC Tournament MVP. Bryant also benefitted all season from the sterling leadership and
14 important contributions provided by senior forward Hal Elisias, also selected to the NEC All-
15 Tournament Team, junior guard Charles Pride, the leading rebounder on the team who averaged
16 18 points per game in scoring, senior guards Adam Eleeda and Luke Hurtado, Jr., as well as the
17 contributions provided by Erickson Bans, Tyler Brelsford, Greg Calixte, and the entire roster of
18 players; and

19 WHEREAS, The Bryant Bulldogs were led all season by the superb leadership and

1 excellent coaching provided by Head Coach Jared Grasso, who in four short years has made the
2 basketball program into one of the best in New England. In recognition of the esteem in which
3 Coach Grasso is held by his peers within the college basketball universe, he was named the 2021
4 USBWA District I Coach of the Year; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
6 congratulates the Bryant University Men’s Basketball Team on winning the 2022 Northeast
7 Conference Tournament Championship, and wishes them continued success in the 2022 NCAA
8 Basketball Tournament; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Jared Grasso, Head Men’s Basketball
11 Coach, Bryant University.

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