

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE EXETER JOB CORPS ACADEMY ON WINNING THE 2022 RI  
PROSTART® HIGH SCHOOL CULINARY ARTS, FOODSERVICE AND HOTEL  
MANAGEMENT COMPETITION

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Price, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi,  
Kennedy, Ajello, and Solomon

Date Introduced: June 07, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, ProStart® is a nationwide, two-year program that teaches and provides  
2 students with real-world educational and skill-building opportunities in the areas of culinary  
3 techniques, foodservice, and hotel management through a two-year program; and

4 WHEREAS, Nationally, approximately 130,000 students from more than 1,700 high  
5 schools in fifty states, as well as Guam and the District of Columbia, enter the program gaining  
6 real-life experience opportunities and practical skills; and

7 WHEREAS, Annually, RI ProStart® holds a RI High School Culinary Arts, Foodservice  
8 and Hotel Management Competition that brings together the top ProStart® high school students  
9 from across the State and provides them with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills for  
10 industry leaders; and

11 WHEREAS, The 2022 RI ProStart® competition winners were from Exeter Job Corps  
12 and included team members Noah Sacchetti, Auston Van, Omar Morales, Bruce Angelini,  
13 Jeremie Luna, Shane Giroux, Jayden Laracuenta, Tyler Lowe, Kim Kellerman, Jasper Rothermel,  
14 Lisha Oakes, and Chef Mark Bennison; and

15 WHEREAS, By winning the RI competition, the Exeter Job Corps team earned the  
16 chance to compete in the National ProStart® Competition with the potential of earning coveted  
17 scholarships from the Nation's best culinary and restaurant management programs. This year,  
18 nearly 400 students competed in the national competition in Washington D.C.; and

19 WHEREAS, Exeter's Team Dynasty placed 26th out of 42 in the Culinary competition

1 which "highlights each team's creative abilities through the preparation of a three-course meal in  
2 60 minutes, using only two butane burners, and without access to running water or electricity.  
3 Students are evaluated on taste, skill, teamwork, safety and sanitation"; and

4 WHEREAS, Exeter's Team Eagles Nest placed 30th out of 42 in the Management  
5 competition in which each team must "develop a proposal for the next promising restaurant  
6 concept and present it to a panel of industry judges. Their problem solving skills are tested as they  
7 quickly solve challenges faced by managers daily"; and

8 WHEREAS, There are always young people who rise above the rest, who dare to dream,  
9 and are willing to endeavor to make those dreams become reality and it is essential and fitting to  
10 recognize their triumphs; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
12 congratulates and applauds the members of the 2022 Exeter Job Corps team on winning the RI  
13 ProStart® High School Culinary Arts, Foodservice and Hotel Management Competition and  
14 wishes them much success in their future careers; and

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Exeter Job Corps Center.

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