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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING COACH BRIAN ALLEN OF BURRILLVILLE ON BEING INDUCTED
INTO THE NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, Ruggerio, Felag, Lombardo, Ciccone, E Morgan, F.
Lombardi, DeLuca, Tikoian, and Paolino

Date Introduced: June 13, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Burrillville native Brian Allen, the longtime Johnson and Wales University
2 Assistant Wrestling Coach, will be inducted into the National Collegiate Wrestling Hall of Fame
3 in July of 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Allen earned 71 percent of the votes from the Coaches' Association
5 thereby reaching the necessary majority of votes by coaches across the country on the very first
6 vote; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Allen has been inducted into the Burrillville Sports Hall of Fame, the
8 Rhode Island College Athletic Hall of Fame, and the New England Conference College Wrestling
9 Association Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to helping build an outstanding program at Johnson and Wales,
11 Coach Allen has played important roles on various committees nationally, including both the
12 seeding committees and ranking committees over the years; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Allen has been tabbed as the National Assistant Coach of the Year
14 twice, in both 2017 and 2019, as well as being named the Regional Assistant Coach of the year
15 six times, including 2004, 2007, 2014, 2017, 2019 and 2023; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Allen's career in wrestling began at Burrillville High School, where
17 he was a New England champion, graduating in 1987, and while attending Rhode Island College,
18 was an NCAA All-American twice, in 1989 and 1991, and New England champion all four years;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Allen started his outstanding coaching career in Burrillville serving
2 from 1992 to 1997, before moving on to briefly serve as an Assistant Coach at Rhode Island
3 College in 1997 and 1998, before being hired to serve as the Assistant Coach at Johnson and
4 Wales, a position he has held for the past 26 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Thanks in large part to the teamwork, outstanding coaching and leadership
6 provided by Head Coach Lonnie Morris and Assistant Coach Brian Allen, who have been
7 together from the start, Johnson and Wales is now considered to be one of the elite wrestling
8 programs in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2015, the Johnson and Wales Wrestling Team broke into the top ten
10 nationally, sending four wrestlers to the National Championships, with three earning All-
11 American honors; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Allen also designed and manage the program's social media
13 program, which earned Best Highlight Video of the Year honors from the Coaches' Association
14 in 2015-2016; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby heartily congratulates
16 Coach Brian Allen of Burrillville on being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame;
17 and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Coach Brian Allen.

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