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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PAUL RIZZO ON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE RHODE ISLAND
BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, J. Lombardi, Corvese,
Place, Chippendale, Kennedy, Fogarty, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: May 23, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Head Coach Paul Rizzo excelled in his nineteen-year tenure from 1999 to
2 2018 as the head coach of the North Providence Boys Basketball Team. During this period,
3 thanks to his coaching acumen and strong leadership skills, the Cougars made the playoffs fifteen
4 times, won six league titles, and Coach Rizzo led his team to victory in the Rhode Island Division
5 II Boys Basketball Championships in 2011, 2014 and 2015, with the 2014 and 2015 teams
6 incredibly finishing their seasons undefeated; and

7 WHEREAS, In recognition of his sterling credentials and enormous achievements, Head
8 Coach Paul Rizzo was named the Rhode Island Basketball Head Coaches Association Division 1-
9 A Coach of the Year in 2002, and the Division II Coach of the Year in 2005, 2011, and 2015. He
10 also received the Rhode Island Interscholastic League's Coach of the Year Award in 2015; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Rizzo was also the head coach of the North Providence High Softball
12 team from 1991 to 2004, leading his teams to state titles in 1991, 1993, and 2001, and four
13 additional trips to the Division-1 Finals. He has also served as the North Providence Boys
14 Baseball Team Head Coach since 1999; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
16 heartily congratulates North Providence Boys Basketball Head Coach Paul Rizzo on the high
17 honor of being inducted into the Rhode Island Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame; and
18 be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution Coach Paul Rizzo.

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