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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE LINCOLN LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM ON WINNING THE 2013
RHODE ISLAND STATE LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND PLAYING IN THE 2013
LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, O`Grady, and Costantino

Date Introduced: February 25, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Little League Team won the 2013 Rhode Island State
2 Championship in dominating fashion, going undefeated with a 9-0 record against Rhode Island
3 competition and outscoring their opponents 102-12. Yet, as good as these young men are on the
4 field, they're even better people off the field. While playing in the State Tournament, they learned
5 the story of Cory Burke, a young man who had played baseball for King Phillip Little League in
6 Bristol, Rhode Island, and who was having a tough battle with cancer. Once the Lincoln Little
7 League youngsters won the State Title, they were as excited about spreading Cory's story on the
8 national stage as they were for themselves for advancing to the Little League World Series; and

9 WHEREAS, In their first practice after winning the State Championship, the players
10 wore "Cory won't fight alone" tee shirts and bracelets provided by player Patrick Gribbin, who
11 had previously met with Cory's family and the King Phillips Little League coach, and dedicated
12 their play in the Little league World Series to Cory and his fight against cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, In the Little League World Series early rounds, playing teams from New
14 England, the Lincoln Little League Team went 3-1 in pool play, earning the right to play in the
15 New England Semi-Finals against Vermont, the only team to beat Lincoln during the regular
16 season. The rematch was played on NESN with Cory sitting in the stands and his story hitting the
17 national airwaves. Lincoln gained revenge and beat Vermont to advance to the New England
18 Championship game on ESPN. With Cory's story spreading nationally, Cory was chosen to throw
19 out the first ball in the New England Championship game; and

1 WHEREAS, In a hard fought game, the Lincoln Little League team lost a 1-0 decision to
2 Westport, Connecticut. However, prior to the championship game, the Lincoln Little League
3 Team was unanimously chosen to receive the overall Sportsmanship Award for all 12 states in the
4 Eastern Region of the Little League World Series; and

5 WHEREAS, The success of the Lincoln Little League Team in 2013 was not due to the
6 leadership or play of any one individual. Rather, their success was a complete team effort due to
7 the hard work and tireless dedication of Blake Zaniol, David Bordieri, Stephen Andrews, Zarek
8 Larisa, Kyle Marrapese, Marty Gaughan, Tyler Santilli, Nathan Kumar, Patrick Gribbin, Aaron
9 Desousa, Dominic Cunha, Braedon Carney, and Connor Benbenek, along with superb coaching
10 provided by Coaches Gordon Zaniol, Marty Gaughan, and Manager Matthew Netto; now,
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
13 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Lincoln Little League Team on winning the 2013
14 Rhode Island State Little League Championship and playing in the 2013 Little League World
15 Series; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Lincoln Little League Team Manager Matthew
18 Netto.

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