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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CONGRATULATING THE 2013-2014 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM ON WINNING THE 2014 BIG EAST CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT, AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE 2014 NCAA
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Amore, DeSimone, Mattiello, and Fox

Date Introduced: March 20, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Providence College entered the 2014 Big East Tournament with a 20-11
2 regular season record, tied for third place in the Big East regular season standings, and knowing
3 they had to make a deep run in the Big East Tournament, and maybe even win it, to gain a berth
4 in the NCAA Tournament; and

5 WHEREAS, Providence College was led all season by the steady demeanor and
6 respected leadership provided by Head Coach Ed Cooley, and the magnificent play provided by
7 star guard Bryce Cotton, who turned in one of the greatest seasons in the storied history of
8 Providence College Basketball. Cotton led Providence College in most scoring categories, and
9 assists, and was a unanimous All-Big East First Team selection. Additionally, Cotton was named
10 a Second-Team National All-American, and he was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2014
11 Big East Conference Tournament; and

12 WHEREAS, Providence College also benefited all season by the tough inside play,
13 rebounding and leadership provided by Kadeem Batts, the solid all-round play contributed by
14 LaDontae Henton, and the supplementary support offered by Tyler Harris, Josh Fortune, and
15 Carson Desrosiers; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2013-2014 Providence College Friars entered the 2014 Conference
17 Tournament of the newly reconfigured Big East Conference hungry, determined, and desperate
18 for wins. They ended up turning the Tournament into a Madison Square Garden Friar party. After

1 beating St John's in a hard fought first round game, they defeated Seton Hall in the Semi-Finals.
2 In a thrilling championship game, Providence College, led by Bryce Cotton's 23 points, held off a
3 furious Creighton rally, and their All-American and Player of the Year candidate, Doug
4 McDermott, to win the 2014 Big East Championship Tournament and secure a berth in the 2014
5 NCAA Tournament; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
7 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the 2013-2014 Providence College Men's Basketball
8 Team on winning the 2014 Big East Conference Basketball Tournament, and wishes them
9 continued success in the 2014 NCAA Basketball Tournament; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Providence College Men's Basketball Head
12 Coach, Ed Cooley.

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