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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM
ON WINNING THE 2014 LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, After compiling a sterling 20-6 regular season record, and an outstanding
2 11-3 conference record in the regular season and winning the 2014 Little East regular season
3 championship, the Rhode Island College Women's Basketball Team proved they were truly the
4 best team in the conference by winning the 2014 Little East Conference Women's Basketball
5 Tournament; and

6 WHEREAS, After dispatching Plymouth State and Western Connecticut in the first two
7 rounds of the conference tournament, the Rhode Island College women faced a tough and
8 resilient Southern Maine team for the conference title, a team Rhode Island College had faced
9 twice in the regular season, winning at home and losing on the road. In a thrilling game that was
10 close throughout the match, the Rhode Island College women simply refused to lose and held off
11 numerous charges by Southern Maine in the second half to win the title by the score of 64-59; and

12 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island College women were led by the outstanding play of
13 Sophomore Forward Vandell Andrade who scored nineteen points, went four for five from the
14 floor, eleven of twelve from the free throw line, and grabbed six rebounds and had three steals.
15 She was named the Little East Tournament's Most Outstanding Player; and

16 WHEREAS, Senior forward Cara Paladino scored fourteen points and grabbed ten
17 rebounds while Senior Guard Stephanie Prusko finished with fifteen points and four assists and
18 made the shot of the game when she hit a clutch three pointer with 58 seconds left in the game to
19 clinch the victory for Rhode Island College; and

1 WHEREAS, Winning a State Title in any sport requires that every member of the team
2 give their all and sacrifice personal goals in support of achieving team goals. The Rhode Island
3 College Women’s Basketball Team has those kinds of players in abundance with the
4 contributions of Cara Paladino, Alex Moore, Christian McDuffy, Ashleigh Greaves, Michelle
5 Lagrotteria, Vandell Andrade, Devin Hill, Danielle LeBlanc, Stephanie Prusko, and Jill Paladino,
6 as well as being blessed by the sterling coaching provided by Head Coach Kara Williamson, and
7 Assistant Coaches Kim Dweck and Rachel Ferri; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby congratulates the Rhode Island College Women’s Basketball Team on winning the 2014
10 Little East Conference Women’s Basketball Tournament and wishes them continued success
11 when they play in the 2014 NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Tournament; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Rhode Island College Women’s Basketball
15 Head Coach Kara Williamson.

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