

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

THANKING BASKETBALL STAR, VERONICA DAWSON, FOR HOSTING A
BASKETBALL CLINIC FOR PAWTUCKET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS

Introduced By: Senators Cano, Picard, de la Cruz, Rogers, Lawson, DiMario, Ciccone,
Paolino, Sosnowski, and Euer

Date Introduced: March 28, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Veronica Dawson is a bright 16 year-old student, and talented basketball
2 player for the Prep Elite Girls Basketball Team at St. Andrews. She is ranked in the New England
3 top 40, is sixth at her position in the Prep Girls New England Ranking, and has already received
4 her first college basketball scholarship offer from Colby College. She also played for the Boston-
5 based, New Balance sponsored AAU Travel Basketball Team, the MCW Starz. In addition to her
6 many talents, she is very active in her community; and

7 WHEREAS, On December 17, 2022, Ms. Dawson hosted a one-day clinic for a few
8 dozen students at the Winters Elementary School in Pawtucket. At the clinic, she explained and
9 exhibited the basketball fundamentals of ball handling and shooting, and told them her life story
10 in the hope that they will aspire to achieve all of the dreams that matter to them; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Dawson hosted this clinic with a few of her fellow teammates and her
12 prep coach, Christina Batastini, who described Veronica Dawson as being the “embodiment of a
13 student athlete, driven and dedicated on and off the court.” Coach Batastini went on to say about
14 Veronica Dawson that she “has a high emotional IQ, acting as a leader among her peers, and has
15 observed Dawson’s strong connection to the community in Pawtucket where she was raised”; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Dawson is an outstanding student-athlete who is motivated to keep up
17 her grades in the hope that she can attend and play basketball at an Ivy-League School. She has a
18 stellar 4.12 grade-point-average, is a Vice-President of the National Honor Society, and is a
19 member of the Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Committee (DEI); now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby thanks Veronica
2 Dawson for dedicating so much of her free time to host a clinic for youngsters at the Winters
3 Elementary School in Pawtucket. We furthermore wish her continued success in all her future
4 endeavors; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Veronica Dawson.

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