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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE BROWN UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S RUGBY TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 COLLEGIATE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP'S NATIONAL 7S WOMEN'S PREMIER CUP CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

<u>Introduced By:</u> Senators Mack, Ciccone, LaMountain, Euer, F. Lombardi, McKenney, E Morgan, DeLuca, Tikoian, and Gu

Date Introduced: May 09, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Collegiate Rugby Championship National 7s is the largest collegiate rugby tournament in the world with 144 teams participating and 300 matches being played; and 2 3 WHEREAS, In a command performance that wowed all observers, the Brown University Women's Rugby Team repeated as the Champions of the Collegiate Rugby Championship 4 5 Women's Premier Cup, as they dominated a talented Army team to win by a final score of 12-5; 6 and WHEREAS, Kate Muldoon, a Women's Premier Cup All-Tournament Team selection 7 8 and the MVP of the Tournament, got the Bears squad off to a fast start when she offloaded to 9 Akilah Cathey to put the first points on the board. Morgan Cunningham put the Bears up 12-0 at 10 halftime, a lead the Brown Women's team would never relinquish thanks to the relentless defense 11 they played in the second half and the stellar play also provided by Women's Premier Cup All-12 Tournament selection Nikki Lynch; and 13 WHEREAS, Winning a Championship at the collegiate level is an incredible achievement and repeating as Champions is an achievement accomplished by very few teams. 14 15 The Brown Women's Rugby Team has compiled these incredible accomplishments thanks to a talented and resilient roster comprised of a group of young ladies who always gave one-hundred 16 17 percent and always placed team needs and goals ahead of personal aspirations. These gifted 18 athletes of the champion Brown University Women's Rugby Team include Aziza Alford, Ashley Amparo, Makayla Atoigue, Olivia Baptiste, Laryssa Barbosa, Hannah Cabarles, Akilah Cathey, 19

1	Faith Chen, Makena Corsiglia, Kendall Cunningham, Morgan Cunningham, Val Detheux,
2	Delaney Dill, Hattie Grant, Noelle Lewis, Nikki Lynch, Elizabeth Mahoney, Kate Muldoon, Tate
3	Muller, Julia Murray, Lily Nowak, Emme Ohnmacht, Natalie Phonwiang, Tarn Reilly, Jiya
4	Sandhu, Jania Vandevoorde, Trinity Williams, Sadie Wilson, and Jordan Wiseman; and
5	WHEREAS, The Brown University Women's Rugby Team is blessed to be led by Head
6	Coach Rosalind Chou, one of the very best Rugby coaches in the nation. She recently tied the
7	record for most titles in the history of the Collegiate Rugby Championship, winning back-to-back
8	titles at Brown and previously winning back-to-back titles at Life University. Head Coach Chou
9	was ably assisted all season by the contributions provided by Assistant Coaches Bridget Kahele
10	and Kittery Wagner Ruiz; now, therefore be it
11	RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates the
12	Brown University Women's Rugby Team for winning the 2024 Collegiate Rugby Championship
13	National 7s Women's Premier Cup Championship for the second year in a row; and be it further
14	RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15	transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Brown University Women's Rugby Team
16	Head Coach, Rosalind Chou.

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