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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022**

**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THEIR  
OUTSTANDING 2021-2022 SEASON, AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN  
THE 2022 NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Introduced By: Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero

Date Introduced: March 15, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The Providence College Friars men’s basketball team has thus far had one  
2 of the greatest seasons in the storied history of the program. The Friars have an exceptional 25-5  
3 overall record, went 14-3 in the elite Big East Conference regular season, at one point was ranked  
4 8th nationally in the polls, earned a one seed in the Big East Conference tournament, and earned a  
5 4 seed in the 2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament; and

6           WHEREAS, The Friars were led all season by the outstanding play provided by 6'10"  
7 center Nate Watson, the team’s leading scorer and Second Team All-Big East selection, guard  
8 Jared Bynum, also a Second Team All-Big East selection, and the winner of the Big East sixth  
9 man Award. The Friars also greatly benefitted through the contributions provided by guard Al  
10 Durham, the team’s second-leading scorer, forward Noah Horchler, the team’s leading rebounder,  
11 and the important contributions of A.J. Reeves, Justin Minaya, Ed Croswell, Alyn Breed, Brycen  
12 Goodine, Matteus Case and Andrew Fonts; and

13           WHEREAS, The Friars have been led by the superb coaching and leadership of Head  
14 Coach Ed Cooley, who was named the 2021-22 Big East Coach of the Year and the 2021-2022  
15 Sporting News National Coach of the Year. Coach Cooley began his tenure as the Providence  
16 College Men’s Basketball Head Coach in 2011, and has taken his squads to six NCAA Basketball  
17 Tournaments and two NIT Tournaments in his eleven year tenure; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates the  
19 Providence College Men’s Basketball Team for their outstanding accomplishments in the 2021-

1 2022 season, and wishes them continued success in the 2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament; and  
2 be it further  
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Ed Cooley, Head Coach, Providence  
5 College Men's Basketball Team.

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