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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING GABRIELLA K. COTTIERO ON BEING NAMED THE  
CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2012 SALUTATORIAN**

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, Menard, and McLaughlin

Date Introduced: June 06, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Gabriella K. Cottiero, the daughter of Richard Cottiero and Patricia Kearney  
2 of Lincoln, Rhode Island, has distinguished herself not only by achieving the second highest  
3 grade point average of 4.055 at Cumberland High School, but also by the many honors and  
4 awards she has earned; and

5           WHEREAS, Some of Gabriella's achievements include receiving the Yale Book Award  
6 and the President's Award for Educational Excellence. She is also a National Merit Scholarship  
7 semi-finalist and a United States Presidential Scholars nominee; and

8           WHEREAS, As a member of the National Honor Society and the Rhode Island Honor  
9 Society, Gabriella has demonstrated her intellectual acumen. In addition, she has contributed to  
10 her school by serving as co-president of the World Language Club, and in her senior year, as a  
11 member of the Math Team and captain of the Junior Varsity Tennis Team; and

12           WHEREAS, In addition to all of her academic accomplishments, Gabriella found time to  
13 learn how to play the piano, which she has enjoyed doing since she was nine years old, and to  
14 ride horses competitively, which she has done for nine years both individually and on an  
15 Interscholastic Team. She has also volunteered at the Lend-A-Hand Therapeutic Riding Center;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, In the fall, Gabriella will attend Carnegie Mellon University and major in  
18 chemistry. She plans to pursue a career as a biochemist, preferably as a researcher; and

19           WHEREAS, Amid peer pressure and other influences and stressors, there are those

1 young people who rise above the rest. Graduation day is a time to celebrate these achievements  
2 and imagine the possibilities for futures filled with new beginnings and unexplored opportunities.  
3 Gabriella's accomplishments are remarkable and she is truly deserving of our recognition and  
4 praise; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
6 Providence Plantations hereby honors and congratulates Gabriella K. Cottiero on being named  
7 Salutatorian of the Cumberland High School Class of 2012. The entire membership extends best  
8 wishes for her continued success and happiness; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Gabriella K. Cottiero.

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