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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE 2011-2012 RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE ANCHORWOMEN
BASKETBALL TEAM ON THEIR FIRST PLACE FINISH IN THE REGULAR SEASON
AND LITTLE EAST CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Metts, and Moura

Date Introduced: April 10, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Finishing the regular 2011-2012 season with an impressive 25-4 overall
2 record and a 13-1 first place win in the Little East Conference, the Rhode Island College
3 Anchorwomen's Basketball Team enjoyed the most successful campaign in the school's history;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This season's Anchorwomen blazed new records in the number of wins
6 (25), winning percentage (.862), and number of Little East wins (13), as well as captured the
7 program's first-ever Little East Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championships;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In addition, Rhode Island College's Anchorwomen participated in the
10 NCAA Tournament for only the third time and hosted the tournament for the first time in the
11 college's history; and

12 WHEREAS, In his fourth season with the Anchorwomen, Head Coach Marcus Reilly
13 honed in on rebuilding the team, a strategy that paid off. He had previously led the Community
14 College of Rhode Island to two straight Elite Eight appearances before joining Rhode Island
15 College for the 2008-09 basketball season; and

16 WHEREAS, Rounding out Coach Reilly's successful coaching staff is Anchorwomen
17 Associate Head Coach, Claudia DeFaria, and Assistant Coach, Colleen Smith. Claudia was
18 previously a member of the Community College of Rhode Island staff and has worked with
19 Coach Reilly for the past nine seasons. Colleen is in her first season with the Anchorwomen. She

1 had played at WestConn and was an assistant coach at East Lyme High School and is a head
2 coach and an assistant in the CT Storm AAU program; and

3 WHEREAS, Utilizing talent, great coaching, and commitment, the Rhode Island College
4 Anchorwomen became the top team in the highly respected Little East and one of the top teams to
5 watch in the country. They have earned our applause and recognition; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby congratulates the players and coaches of the Rhode Island College Anchorwomen
8 Basketball Team on their regular season and tournament Championships; 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 Marcus R. Reilly, Head Coach of the Rhode
11 Island College Anchorwomen Basketball Team.

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