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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING TED SZYMKOWICZ ON BEING INDUCTED  
TO THE COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME**

Introduced By: Representative Jared R. Nunes

Date Introduced: March 21, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Ted Szymkowicz has made an unprecedented contribution to the athletics  
2 program at Coventry High School for over fifty years as a student athlete, teacher, and coach; and

3           WHEREAS, In 1955, Ted graduated from Coventry High School, where he played  
4 baseball and basketball for all four years. He led the state in scoring in basketball (class C). As a  
5 result of his hard work, he was selected as First Team player on the All-Kent County Basketball  
6 team and was named the 1955 Outstanding Basketball Player in Kent County. Ted also received  
7 similar awards in baseball. As a senior, he was awarded the Babe Ruth Sportsmen Award at  
8 Coventry High School; and

9           WHEREAS, Ted attended Alliance College in Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, where  
10 he continued his love of sports by playing baseball, basketball, and golf, and was selected as the  
11 Outstanding Athlete for 1958; and

12           WHEREAS, In 1962, Ted returned to Coventry High School as an educator, and went on  
13 to teach social studies and coach for thirty-four years, retiring in 1996. During that time he  
14 coached basketball as assistant and head coach for thirty-three years, winning Coventry's only  
15 Suburban Division State Championship in 1979-80, and was awarded the Outstanding Coaches  
16 Award. Ted also coached golf, where he won the Western Division Championship in 1967 and  
17 1968; and

18           WHEREAS, Appointed Athletic Director in his last three years at CHS, Ted also served  
19 as a baseball umpire and as a high school and college soccer official. A member of NISOA for

1 over forty years, Ted served as the state representative to the Northeast Soccer Officials  
2 Association for more than two decades; and

3 WHEREAS, Ted was named Official of the Year and was presented with the David  
4 Steele Memorial Award in 2003. In 2008, he also received the Pard Picerce Award for baseball;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Ted Szymkowicz has had a tremendous impact on generations of athletes at  
7 the high school and college level through his commitment to athletics and the youth of Coventry.  
8 His dedication to education, passion for sportsmanship, and willingness to volunteer his time and  
9 energy are truly inspirational; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
11 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and commends Ted Szymkowicz on his induction to  
12 the Coventry High School Association Hall of Fame; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ted Szymkowicz.

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