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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 SHEILA DIXON ON HER SELECTION TO THE 2013 ALL-IVY  
BASKETBALL TEAM**

Introduced By: Representative Thomas Winfield

Date Introduced: April 02, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is fitting that this House recognizes those young people who, through  
2 their talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have exalted themselves in both academia  
3 and athletics; and

4           WHEREAS, Sheila Dixon attended Schenectady High School and is now a Senior,  
5 majoring in Political Science, at Brown University. Being the youngest of fifteen biological and  
6 adopted children in her blended family allowed her to generate a tenacity and will to succeed that  
7 have already yielded a panoply of accomplishments for Ms. Dixon; and

8           WHEREAS, During her high school years, Sheila focused on her goals. She not only  
9 achieved admirable grades, but also became a stand-out basketball player with her high school's  
10 team, the Patriots. During the season, she averaged 13.7 points-per-game and led the school's  
11 team to its first Big 10 regular season title, earning her the distinction of being named the Big 10  
12 League MVP. She was also named to the New York State Class AA fourth team, and was the  
13 *Albany Times Union* Girls' Basketball Athlete of the Year; and

14           WHEREAS, Sheila's drive and amazing athletic skills helped fulfill her dreams of  
15 attending an Ivy League school. In the fall of 2009, she not only began classes, but also saw  
16 major action on the court for Brown University, averaging 12.4 minutes-per-game and netting a  
17 career-high 11 points and a career-high eight rebounds; and

18           WHEREAS, During her Sophomore and Junior years at Brown, Sheila was named as a

1 Second Team All-Ivy selection in back-to-back years. In addition, during the 2010-2011 season,  
2 she was named the Most Valuable Player, was Brown's leading scorer and rebounder with 11  
3 points and 6.3 rebounds per game, and earned All-Tournament Team honors at the Hawk Holiday  
4 Classic and the Brown BEAR Basketball Classic; and

5 WHEREAS, During the 2011-2012 basketball season, Sheila was the Cox Sports  
6 Division I Rhode Island Women's Player of the Year. She started in all 28 games for the Bears,  
7 was named the MVP of the Brown Classic, and was the team's leading scorer and rebounder  
8 during the regular season, earning her the Ivy League Player of the Week honors; and

9 WHEREAS, Sheila is currently a senior at Brown University and one of our very  
10 dedicated House Pages. She is co-captain of the Bears this year and has once again been honored  
11 as an All-Ivy selection, earning an Honorable Mention. She became the 16th Brown women's  
12 basketball player to reach the 1,000 point milestone, and her 1,070 career points makes her the  
13 13th highest scorer in the program's history; and

14 WHEREAS, There are always young people who rise above the rest, who dare to  
15 dream, and are willing to endeavor to make those dreams become reality. Over the course of her  
16 short lifetime, Sheila Dixon has already distinguished herself with a profundity of awards and  
17 accomplishments. She is an exceptional young woman and she is truly deserving of our  
18 recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
20 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Sheila Dixon on her third All-Ivy selection. We  
21 furthermore wish her much success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
23 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Sheila Dixon.

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