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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON
WINNING THE 2013 BOYS' BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Lombardi, Pichardo, Metts, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: March 27, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Led by the innovative and sterling coaching of Head Coach John Kavanagh
2 and Assistant Coach Josh Yeaw, and the exemplary leadership of their "Big Three" Captains
3 Kealen Ives, Ismael Batista, and Terrill Toe, the Classical High School Boys' Basketball Team
4 stormed into the state playoffs and won the 2013 Boys' Basketball State Championship; and

5 WHEREAS, After compiling a regular season record of 15-3 and finishing the runner-up
6 in the Division Tournament, the Classical Boys' Basketball Team entered the 2013 Boys'
7 Basketball State Championship playoffs on a mission to redeem themselves after a disappointing
8 loss in the 2012 Boys' Basketball playoffs; and

9 WHEREAS, Classical squeaked by West Warwick in the first round by a score of 50-47,
10 and then easily dispatched Westerly in the Quarterfinals by the score of 81-32, setting up a highly
11 anticipated Final 4 match with North Smithfield, a team that, up until this game, had won an
12 astounding twenty-six games in a row. In a thrilling back and forth contest that was tied at 54-54
13 with 3:37 to play, Classical responded to a North Smithfield rally by keeping their cool and
14 scoring the last seven points of the game to emerge victorious and earn the right to play North
15 Kingstown for the State Championship; and

16 WHEREAS, In an exciting Championship game at the Ryan Center, one that will be
17 long-remembered as one of the best games in Rhode Island High School basketball history,
18 Classical stormed back from a 29-22, seven point half-time deficit and won a hard-fought and
19 hard-earned victory by the score of 57-52 to win the 2013 Boys' Basketball State Championship.

1 The game turned when Classical, with their backs against the wall, went on an 11-0 run led by
2 their "Big Three," Kealen Ives, a good shooting, play-making point guard, Ismael Batista, a guard
3 who plays big and rebounds like a forward, and Terrill Toe, a dangerous three-point shooting
4 threat. It is only fitting that these three senior leaders and Captains of the Classical High School
5 Boys' Basketball Team end their high school basketball careers as Champions; and

6 WHEREAS, Winning a State Title requires a total team effort with every member of the
7 team devoting themselves selflessly to the team. Classical is such a team and emerged as state
8 champions due to the hard work and unselfish play of Captains Kealen Ives, Ismael Batista, and
9 Terrill Toe, and team members William Leviton, Jonathan Oloja, Claudius Cooper, Jacob Lamar,
10 Oscar Morales, Ariel Batista, Jaylon Price, Thomas McKiernan, and Devin Northup, as well as
11 the sterling leadership provided by Head Coach John Kavanagh, Assistant Coach Josh Yeaw, and
12 Volunteer Calvin Jones; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
14 hereby congratulates the Classical High School Boys' Basketball Team on winning the 2013
15 Rhode Island Boys' Basketball State Championship; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of state be an hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. John Kavanagh.

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