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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PROVIDENCE CAREER AND
TECHNICAL ACADEMY'S GIRLS' AND BOYS' ROBOTICS TEAMS

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

Date Introduced: May 14, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, As our young people prepare to compete in the global market, robotics
2 competitions and the skills inherent in the necessary preparation for these events have become
3 evermore popular and a tremendous opportunity for the development of engineering and
4 computer proficiency; and

5 WHEREAS, This year, Providence Career and Technical Academy (PCTA) has produced
6 two outstanding teams who have successfully qualified for the robotics World tournament; and

7 WHEREAS, An all-girls team from PCTA claimed the state title for the FIRST Tech
8 Challenge, the first-ever all-girls team to do so, which earned them a bid to the World
9 tournament, and a mere three weeks later, a second PCTA team won the regional qualifier for the
10 FIRST Robotics Competition, also placing them in contention for the World tournament; and

11 WHEREAS, PCTA's all-girls team, the "Rhody Girls" claimed their title with
12 "PrettyBot," a breast cancer awareness-themed robot dedicated to the school's nurse, Barbara
13 Rios. Learning valuable employment and life skills, the PCTA boys team, competed successfully
14 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute; and

15 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to
16 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Members of PCTA's two robotics teams are
17 truly remarkable young men and women. They exemplify everything that young people can
18 achieve and they are truly deserving of our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby congratulates and applauds the Providence Career and Technical Academy's girls' and
2 boys' robotics team for their accomplishments and their bids to compete at the World Robotics
3 tournament. We furthermore wish both teams continued success in all their future endeavors; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Principal Ramon Torres, Providence Career
7 and Technical Academy.

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