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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE QUAHOG CUP, AN ANNUAL COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BETWEEN BROWN UNIVERSITY, BRYANT UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE COLLEGE, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND TO SUPPORT A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WISHING TO ATTEND RHODE ISLAND COLLEGES

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Algieri, and Lynch

Date Introduced: February 05, 2015

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

1 WHEREAS, The opportunity for higher education is critical to the personal success of  
2 Rhode Island's high school students and our state's economic future; and

3 WHEREAS, The expense of higher education continues to be an obstacle to Rhode Island  
4 high school students acquiring the higher education they want and deserve; and

5 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island takes great pride in the academic aspirations of  
6 its high school students; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island takes great pride in our local universities  
8 academic and athletic prowess; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island takes great pride in the community of excellence  
10 fostered by its universities; and

11 WHEREAS, The education, fishing, and the hospitality and tourism industries are crucial  
12 to the economy of the state; and

13 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island takes great pride in our unmatched bounty of  
14 seafood and culinary excellence; and

15 WHEREAS, Rhode Island fisheries supply twenty-five percent of the United States' total  
16 commercial catch of quahogs making this unique clam a cornerstone of Rhode Island's identity  
17 and economy; and

1           WHEREAS, Collegiate athletic competition holds a special place in our community, as it  
2 brings people together, fosters relationships, and creates tradition. Collegiate competition is  
3 cathartic, and symbolic. It gives pride to many, and nowhere is this more meaningful and true  
4 than in the thrill of collegiate tournaments; and

5           WHEREAS, The incredible influx of money into collegiate athletics often fails to benefit  
6 students; and

7           WHEREAS, Our sense of pride and community is never stronger than during the week of  
8 Thanksgiving, when friends and family return home to their Rhode Island roots to give thanks;  
9 and

10          WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island is home to four Division I college basketball  
11 teams, The Brown University Bears, the Bryant University Bulldogs, The Providence College  
12 Friars, and The University of Rhode Island Rams; and

13          WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island and its many residents, as well as the proud fans,  
14 students, faculty, administration, and alumni, of Brown University, Bryant University, Providence  
15 College, and the University of Rhode Island, have a special interest in building a great tradition  
16 that will promote our state's pride and its tourism and hospitality industries; now, therefore be it

17          RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
18 hereby encourages and supports the creation of the Quahog Cup, an annual men's and women's  
19 college basketball tournament to include Brown University, Bryant University, Providence  
20 College, and the University of Rhode Island, to support a scholarship fund for Rhode Island  
21 public school students wishing to attend Rhode Island colleges; and be it further

22          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
23 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to President Christina Hull Paxson, Brown  
24 University; President Ronald Machtley, Bryant University; Father Brian J. Shanley, O.P.,  
25 Providence College; and President David M. Dooley, Ph.D., University of Rhode Island;  
26 President.

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