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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF BOYS
BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE EASTERN SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION II BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Ruggerio, Paiva Weed, Lombardo, and Metts

Date Introduced: April 29, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, For the first time since 2003, the Rhode Island School for the Deaf (RISD)
2 Boys Basketball Team won the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA)
3 Division II Championship; and

4 WHEREAS, In a thrilling tournament played in Portland, Maine, the RISD Boys
5 Basketball Team easily prevailed in their first game, defeating Governor Baxter School 56 to 18.
6 Due to an impending blizzard, the RISD team had to play two games on the same Saturday. In the
7 first game, they defeated three-seeded Delaware School for the Deaf 56 to 44, thanks in part to
8 the outstanding play of Senior Captain Jairee Hill, who scored 26 points and grabbed 14
9 rebounds; and

10 WHEREAS, In the Championship game, the RISD team faced their arch-rival, one-
11 seeded the American School for the Deaf. Playing their best game of the season, the RISD team
12 jumped out early to a commanding 31 to 10 halftime lead. Once again Jairee Hill led the way
13 with 26 points and 7 rebounds, leading the Rhode Island School for the Deaf to a 58 to 36 win
14 and their ninth ESDAA Division II Championship. Jairee Hill and Ariel Gonzalez were named
15 First Team All-Stars, and Alphonso Sackor was named a Second Team All-Star; and

16 WHEREAS, Winning a championship in a team sport requires that everyone on the team
17 be completely committed and focused on team goals, even if they come at the expense of
18 individual aspirations. The Rhode Island School for the Deaf was blessed with an abundance of
19 those kinds of players as everyone on the team contributed significantly to their championship

1 season, including Tyler Travers, Jairee Hill, Justin Rahn, Joe Santiago, Zachary Sousa, Alphonso
2 Sackor, Ariel Gonzalez, Junito Diaz, Mario Pacheco, Kyle Corsetti, and Timothy Jallah. The
3 RISD Team also benefitted all season from the superb coaching and leadership provided by Todd
4 Murano; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby congratulates the Rhode Island School for the Deaf Boys Basketball Team on winning the
7 Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association Division II Basketball Championship; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Todd Murano, Rhode Island School for the
11 Deaf, Boys Basketball Head Coach.

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