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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 MEMBERS OF THE BISHOP HENDRICKEN ACADEMIC
DECATHLON TEAM ON TAKING SECOND PLACE IN THE 2016-2017 UNITED STATES
ACADEMIC DECATHLON® NATIONAL FINALS DIVISION II**

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Solomon, Kennedy, Shekarchi, and Lancia

Date Introduced: May 19, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is fitting that this House recognizes those students who, through their
2 knowledge and unflagging commitment to excellence, have academically distinguished
3 themselves, their school, and our state; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Academic Decathlon® (USAD), consists of 32 state
5 winners from across the country, as well as 16 international teams, competing in a ten-event,
6 team-based scholastic competition wherein students match their intellect with students from
7 across the country in ten categories: Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Language and Literature,
8 Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science and Speech. The schools are split into three
9 divisions determined by school size, and each team is divided into three categories – varsity,
10 scholastic, and honors; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon taking first place in the 2016 Rhode Island Academic Decathlon, the
12 nine members of Bishop Hendricken's Academic Decathlon team went on to represent Rhode
13 Island at the 2016-2017 USAD Nationals, held on April 28-30, in Anchorage, Alaska, and earned
14 an impressive second place finish in the Division II category; and

15 WHEREAS, Hailed as one of "the greatest achievements" in Bishop Hendricken's
16 scholastic history, the team amassed a team total of 45,450 points out of a possible 60,000 points,
17 and out-scored fourteen other teams to take second place in Division II and sixth overall; and

18 WHEREAS, With the amazing performance of team MVP Riley Chabot, who alone
19 scored 8,697.3 points, the Hendricken team amassed the highest score of any Rhode Island team

1 competing in the Nationals over the course of the past 33 years; and

2 WHEREAS, Team members garnered a total of 16 medals during the competition. The
3 medal winners are senior Riley Chabot with a bronze in music, silvers in math and literature, and
4 a gold in science; senior Miles Temel with a bronze in social science and a silver in essay; senior
5 Geoffrey Boyer with silvers in science and interview; senior Aidan Kendra with bronzes in music
6 and art, and silvers in economics and science; senior Nathan Tomasso with a bronze in essay;
7 senior Nicolas Bassi with a silver in essay; junior Ryan Brady with a gold in math; and senior
8 Peter Cienki with a bronze in math; and

9 WHEREAS, Team members credit much of their success to their coach, Sister Carol Ann
10 Murray, for her unwavering dedication, guidance, and support, and for inspiring them to work as
11 hard as they could; and

12 WHEREAS, Members of the Bishop Hendricken Academic Decathlon team are most
13 certainly a tremendous source of pride not only for their parents, but also for their school and our
14 state, and they are truly deserving of our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates members of the Bishop Hendricken Academic
17 Decathlon Team on taking second place in the 2016-2017 United States Academic Decathlon®
18 National Finals Division II. We moreover wish them much happiness and success in all their
19 future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sister Carol Ann Murray, Coach of the Bishop
22 Hendricken High School Academic Decathlon team.

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