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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE WESTERN HILLS STEM CLUB MEMBERS ON BEING
AWARDED THE "BEST IN STATE" TITLE AT THE 2015-2016 VERIZON APP
CHALLENGE FOR THEIR SMART APP

Introduced By: Senators Lombardi, McCaffrey, Gallo, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 11, 2016

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Verizon Innovative App Challenge was launched to cultivate creative
2 thinking in students, grades 6 through 12 in public, private or parochial schools or 6th through
3 12th grade students participating through any nonprofit group or club, in order to produce an app
4 to solve today's problems; and

5 WHEREAS, For the third year in a row, students participating in the Science,
6 Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Club, at Western Hills Middle School, have earned
7 the "Best in State" title, as well as a \$5,000 cash award for an app developed by the school's team;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of faculty advisor Michael Blackburn, this year's team,
10 comprised of eighth-graders Kaitlyn Fitzgerald, Isabella Corso, Ethan Wu, Madison Drezek, and
11 Lexi Lombardi, won the 2015-2016 Verizon App Challenge for their SMART app, which is the
12 acronym for "Send Me A Ride Tonight"; and

13 WHEREAS, The noble intention of this app is to "help make a difference in the lives of
14 others by helping to secure youths a safe way out of an unsafe situation as easily as playing with
15 an app on a smart phone"; and

16 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to
17 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Members of the STEM Club, at Western
18 Hills Middle School are remarkable young people and they are truly deserving of our recognition
19 and praise; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby congratulates the Western Hills STEM Club members on being awarded the "Best in
3 State" title at the 2015-2016 Verizon App Challenge for their SMART app. We furthermore urge
4 all the citizens of this state to support the STEM Club by voting to name them "Fan Favorites" by
5 texting SMART1 or SMART2 to 22333; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Michael Blackburn, Kaitlyn Fitzgerald, Isabella
8 Corso, Ethan Wu, Madison Drezek, and Lexi Lombardi.

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