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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON  
WINNING THE 2016 RHODE ISLAND BOYS' BASKETBALL DIVISION I TOURNAMENT

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 10, 2016

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, The Classical High School Boys' Basketball Team had an outstanding 2015-  
2 2016 regular season, compiling a sterling 13-3 divisional record and an 18-5 overall record; and

3           WHEREAS, Classical entered the Division I Tournament seeded fourth and, after  
4 receiving a first-round bye, easily dispatched arch-rival Central High School in the quarterfinals  
5 by the score of 73 to 42 to advance to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, Classical faced  
6 defending State and Division I champion La Salle, a squad that had only lost one game in the  
7 regular season, to Classical. Classical once again knocked off La Salle, using a ferocious defense  
8 and tenacious rebounding, especially by center Jamari Johnson, to storm back from a late deficit  
9 to defeat the Rams by the score of 62-49, and advance to the title game; and

10           WHEREAS, Classical faced Hendricken in the championship game and won a hard-  
11 fought 82 to 71 victory to win the State Title. Once again, Classical had to come from behind to  
12 win, as they were led by the sensational play provided by star guards Rodney Theodore, who  
13 scored thirty points, and David Duke, who scored twenty-six points; and

14           WHEREAS, Winning a state championship in a team sport requires that everyone on the  
15 team give their all unselfishly at all times and put team goals ahead of personal aspirations. The  
16 2015-2016 Classical Boys' Basketball Team had those qualities in abundance as they were led all  
17 season by the significant contributions provided by Captains David Duke, Rodney Theodore, and  
18 Jonathan Batista, along with Malik Chase, Bryce Daily, Earnest Umoh, Jacob Lamar, Daniel  
19 Licht, Christian Grimes, Jarell De Los Santos, Jamari Johnson, Jaylon Price, and Daniel Karlin.

1 In addition, the Classical Boys' Basketball team benefited all season from the superb coaching  
2 that was provided by Head Coach John Kavanagh, and Assistant Coaches Brian Daily, Albert  
3 Schiavone, and Josh Yeaw; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
5 hereby congratulates the 2015-2016 Classical High School Boys' Basketball Team on winning the  
6 2016 Boys' Basketball Division I Tournament; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. John Kavanagh, Head Basketball Coach,  
9 Classical Boys' Basketball Team.

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