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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CONGRATULATING THE PONAGANSET HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM ON
WINNING THE 2017 RHODE ISLAND DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP AND REPEATING
AS CHAMPIONS**

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Keable, Shekarchi, Winfield, and
Kennedy

Date Introduced: June 20, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Ponaganset Boys' Baseball Team, a season after winning its first
2 baseball title in 54 years, has repeated as champions, winning the 2017 Rhode Island High School
3 Division II Baseball Championship; and

4 WHEREAS, The Ponaganset Boys' Baseball Team compiled an outstanding 14-5 regular
5 season record to finish second in League play. In the early rounds of the State Playoffs,
6 Ponaganset, after receiving a first round bye, beat Tolman 4-3 in a hard-fought game, and swept
7 Chariho, winning two straight games to advance to the State Championship Finals; and

8 WHEREAS, In the Championship Finals held at McCoy Stadium, Ponaganset faced their
9 arch-rivals, Scituate High School, in a best of three series to determine the State Champion. The
10 Chieftains captured the first game by the score of 8-4 as they jumped out to a 7-0 lead thanks to
11 the outstanding play provided by junior outfielder and Tournament MVP Billy Butler, who
12 bashed two hits and drove in three runs. Ponaganset wrapped up the series and the State title
13 when they won the second game 7-3, thanks in part to the outstanding pitching provided by
14 Senior John Biafore, who held Scituate to only three hits and no walks, and the clutch hitting
15 provided by Robert Butler, who laced a double down the line to drive in three runs and put away
16 what had been a close game; and

17 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship, much less repeating as State Champions, in
18 a team sport is an incredibly difficult achievement, one that requires that every member of the
19 team give his all and put team goals ahead of personal aspirations. The Ponaganset Boys'

1 Baseball Team was once again blessed to have an abundance of these kinds of players as they
2 were led all season by the significant contributions provided by Chris DiPetrillo, Ty Parrillo,
3 Mark Gardella, Devon Atkinson, Billy Butler, Cameron St. Amand, Robert Butler, Seighin
4 Chippendale, Curtis Briggs, John Biafore, Zachary Steinkamp, Michael Viveros, Ken Desrosiers,
5 Cal Parrillo, Logan Bodziony, Drew Briggs, Luke Cirka, Lane Daimiani, Anthony Fiore,
6 Christian Garneau, Jack Gilmore, Cole Hayhurst, Hayden Loxley, Zachary Macleod, Cameron
7 Masiello, Zachary Plante, David Raposa, Cory Rittall, and Joshua Soares. The Chieftains also
8 benefitted all season from the outstanding leadership and superb coaching provided by Head
9 Coach Anthony Parrillo, and Assistant Coaches Brian Gendreau and Pete Keefe; now, therefore
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
12 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Ponaganset Boys' Baseball Team on winning the
13 Division II Rhode Island State Baseball Championship and repeating as State Champions; and be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Anthony Parrillo, Head Baseball Coach,
17 Ponaganset High School.

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