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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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

CONGRATULATING ISABELLA GARCES FOR WINNING 1ST PLACE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION OF THE VFW'S "PATRIOT'S PEN" ESSAY CONTEST IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Giarrusso, Costantino, Winfield, Williams, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: March 28, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Patriot's Pen is a VFW-sponsored youth essay contest in which youngsters
2 are given the opportunity to express their views on a patriotic-related theme within a 300-400
3 word essay. Last year, more than 120,000 students participated in the contest. Winners at the state
4 level can go on to win prizes at the national level ranging from \$500 to \$5000; and

5 WHEREAS, Isabella Garces is a talented and bright 7th grade student at Vincent J.
6 Gallagher Middle School in Smithfield, Rhode Island. The essay Isabella submitted in the
7 "Patriot's Pen" essay contest, entitled "America's Greatest Gift To My Generation" is a historical
8 exploration of the positive role "diversity" has played in creating a vibrant and tolerant nation;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Isabella's essay won 1st place for the State of Rhode Island, Middle School
11 Division, in the Patriot's Pen Contest, and earned a third-place finish in the national finals in
12 Washington D.C. Isabella had the honor of reading her essay at the State Award Banquet and
13 earned \$4000 in prize money; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Isabella Garces for winning 1st place in the Middle
16 School Division of the VFW's "Patriot's Pen" essay contest in the State of Rhode Island. We
17 wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Isabella Garces.

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