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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE CHARIHO BOYS BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018
RHODE ISLAND DIVISION II BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Algieri, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, and Satchell

Date Introduced: June 19, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The 2018 Chariho Boys Baseball Team achieved something no other
2 Chariho baseball team has been able to attain since 1966, when they won the 2018 Rhode Island
3 Division II Baseball Championship, the first such title for Chariho in fifty-two years; and

4 WHEREAS, The Chariho Baseball Team had an outstanding regular season, compiling a
5 sterling 15-3 conference record and finishing tied for first place with Ponaganset; and

6 WHEREAS, In the Division II Regional Playoffs, the Chariho Chargers dominated Mt.
7 St. Charles in the first game, shutting the Mounties out by the score of 10-0. Chariho then went
8 on to easily dispatch and sweep Mt. Hope High School by the identical scores of 5-0, setting up a
9 best of three finals series against their arch-rivals, Ponaganset High School; and

10 WHEREAS, After beating Ponaganset at McCoy Stadium by the score of 4-2 in the first
11 game of the finals series, the two rivals clashed again in a scintillating second, and final game of
12 the series, with Chariho emerging victorious by the score of 4-2. In a tense, hard-fought game,
13 Chariho entered the sixth inning with a 4-2 lead but were in a perilous situation with Ponaganset
14 having the bases loaded. Down in the count, Chariho starting pitcher and series Most Valuable
15 Player Sean Sposato knew he had to bear down and challenge the hitters with fastballs over the
16 plate and he did exactly that when he blew two fastballs past the hitter to end the threat and help
17 to clinch the Title for Chariho; and

18 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship in a team sport is an immense
19 accomplishment, one requiring that every member of the team give one hundred percent and

1 place team needs and goals ahead of individual aspirations. The 2018 Chariho Boys Baseball
2 Team had those qualities in abundance as they were led all season by the important contributions
3 provided by John Pellegrino, Luke Elson, Grant Vargo-Willeford, Alexander Radicioni, Devin
4 DiBiasio, Daniel LaBelle, Ethan Blanchard, Cameron Anderson, Will Beaudreau, Dylan LaBelle,
5 Kyle Abbott, Sean Sposato, Jared Powers, Benjamin Harrison, Mark Wightman, Maxwell Willett,
6 Zachary Snow and Liam Goldstein; and

7 WHEREAS, Chariho also benefitted all season from the innovative coaching and
8 outstanding leadership provided by Head Coach Andy Devereaux and Assistant Coaches John
9 Devereaux and Todd Guevremont; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby congratulates the Chariho Boys Baseball Team for winning the 2018 Rhode Island
12 Division II Baseball Championship; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Andy Devereaux, Head Coach, Chariho
15 Baseball Team.

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