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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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

**CONGRATULATING BISHOP HENDRICKEN COACH JIM DOYLE ON BEING NAMED  
THE 2018-2019 BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY COACH OF THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, McNamara, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, and  
Solomon

Date Introduced: February 05, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, For the past twenty years the National High School Coaches Association  
2 has honored high achieving head coaches annually in twenty boys' and girls' sports. Recently,  
3 they announced that Jim Doyle of Bishop Hendricken High School was named the 2018-2019  
4 National High School Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year in honor and recognition of his  
5 decades of excellent coaching not only in Boys' Cross Country but also the Indoor and Outdoor  
6 Track & Field Teams at Bishop Hendricken; and

7           WHEREAS, Bishop Hendricken has won twenty-four Rhode Island Cross Country State  
8 Championships, with twenty of those teams having been coached by Jim Doyle. His most recent  
9 Championship occurred in 2018, with his team going on to finish in fourth place at the prestigious  
10 Nike Cross Nationals hosted in Oregon; and

11           WHEREAS, During his illustrious coaching career, Coach Doyle has won more than fifty  
12 State Championships in cross country and indoor and outdoor track & field, a record few high  
13 school coaches anywhere in the United States can equal; and

14           WHEREAS, In honor and recognition of Jim Doyle's coaching prowess and success, he  
15 was inducted into the Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also named the  
16 2018 Rhode Island Cross Country Coach of the Year by the United States Track & Field and  
17 Cross Country Coaches Association. When honoring Coach Doyle, Eric Hess, the Executive  
18 Director of the National High School Coaches Association, said, "He has established Bishop  
19 Hendricken as one of the top Cross Country programs in Rhode Island and the nation. He exhibits

1 a strong dedication to supporting and developing his high school student-athletes in the classroom  
2 and outside of it"; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
4 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Bishop Hendricken Coach Jim Doyle on being  
5 named the 2018-2019 Boys' Cross Country Coach of the Year by the National High School  
6 Coaches Association; 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 Coach Jim Doyle, Bishop Hendricken.

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