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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

**CONGRATULATING THE NORTH SMITHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL WE THE PEOPLE
TEAM ON WINNING THE 2019 "WE THE PEOPLE" STATE COMPETITION**

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, Lyle, Solomon, Fellela, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: June 04, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, "We the People" The Citizen and the Constitution Competition is sponsored
2 by the Center for Civic Education, and is a yearly competition for American high school students
3 held in Washington, D.C. Teams are divided into six units and each team focuses on a particular
4 area of Constitutional interest; and

5 WHEREAS, For the 13th straight year, a team of North Smithfield High School students
6 presented before a panel of judges at the 2019 "We the People" State Competition held on
7 February 9th, and as a result, traveled to Leesburg, Virginia, in April where they represented
8 Rhode Island and participated in simulated congressional hearings in the 32nd Annual National
9 Finals; and

10 WHEREAS, The competition requires that students deliver a prepared four-minute
11 opening statement on a specific Constitutional topic and answer a series of questions asked by a
12 panel of judges to measure their depth of knowledge, understanding, and their ability to apply
13 constitutional principles; and

14 WHEREAS, The students prepared for a wide variety of potential follow-up questions as
15 they are not allowed to use any materials nor are they aware of the questions they will be asked
16 until they are posed. Resultantly, they develop the essential skills of thinking critically, quickly,
17 and independently; and

18 WHEREAS, This year's dedicated North Smithfield High School team was comprised of
19 freshmen Jacob Austin, Gabrielle Barros, Theo Bazin, Will Bazin, Cassidy Boutelle, Kat

1 Brandao, Nathaniel Cardin-Prochniak, Sadie Crozier, Ethan Daigneault, Noah Dagesse, Chris
2 Durand, Jacob Gosselin, Emma Harrop, James Haczynski, Madisyn Harnois-Lafreniere, Brianna
3 Jacques, Liz Kelley, Cali Keovogsavang, Jordan Koury, Emelie Mandeville, Nick Marseglia,
4 Megan Masi, Shawn Moison, Kylie Murphy, Kara Pessia, Seth Pickering, Rachel Reall, Madison
5 Reilly, Stevan Reyes, Cameron Reynolds, Tori Robertson, Abygail Sevegny, Holden Tousignant,
6 and Zachary Vince; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby extends our congratulations to team coach and teacher, Natalie O'
9 Brien and the North Smithfield High School Team for winning the Rhode Island "We the People"
10 Competition. We moreover wish this hard-working class the best of luck in all their future
11 endeavors; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Natalie O'Brien, North Smithfield High School.

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