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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING BISHOP HENDRICKEN COACH DAVE HANSON
ON BEING NAMED THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ASSOCIATIONS 2018-2019 NATIONAL BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING COACH OF THE
YEAR

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Ruggerio, Algiere, Lombardi, and Metts

Date Introduced: February 05, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) is an
2 organization that writes the rules of competition for most high school sports in the United States.
3 More than 19,500 public and private high schools are members of the NFHS; and

4 WHEREAS, Dave Hanson's interest in swimming began when he swam for the Cranston
5 West Junior High Team. He continued his swim career at Cranston West High School, where he
6 was also a star defensive end for the football team. After graduating from Cranston West High
7 School in 1970, Mr. Hanson attended the University of Rhode Island where he received a B.S.
8 degree in Physical Education in 1974; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Hanson began his legendary coaching career in aquatics as a Volunteer
10 Assistant Coach with the Cranston West Swim Team where he helped to build a dynasty that
11 included winning Rhode Island State Championships in 1971, 1972, 1974, 1975 and 1976, 47
12 straight dual meets, and the New England Championship in 1972. Dave was also the Head Swim
13 Coach at Park View Jr. High in Cranston in 1974, where he won the Junior High School
14 Championship. He also coached the Bain Junior High Swim Team in 1976 and 1977; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1977, Dave Hanson became the Head Swimming Coach at Bishop
16 Hendricken High School and has compiled one of the greatest records in high school athletics
17 history. Under his leadership and thanks to his coaching acumen, Bishop Hendricken has won 32
18 Rhode Island Interscholastic League State Championships, including 24 in a row from 1990 to

1 2013. He has also won a multitude of New England Championships and Titles, and has led his
2 teams to more than 300 dual meet victories. Coach Hanson is also a teacher and mold of young
3 men, helping to prepare them for success in future endeavors. His teams have also received the
4 John Stoyko Memorial Award for Team Sportsmanship in 1980, 1986, and 1998 from the Swim
5 Officials Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hanson has received numerous honors and awards throughout his
7 distinguished coaching career. He was elected to the Rhode Island Aquatic Hall of Fame in 1992,
8 and received the Larry Gallogly Award—Rhode Island High School Boys’ Sports Coach of the
9 Year, the Joseph L. Tracey Memorial Award from the Rhode Island Swim Coaches Association
10 for his many significant contributions to the field of swimming and aquatics, the 2006 National
11 Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching
12 Award, and the 2010 NISCA Outstanding Service Award. He also served as Past President of the
13 Rhode Island High School Coaches Association, and the Past President of the Rhode Island
14 Aquatic Hall of Fame; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby honors and congratulates Bishop Hendricken Coach Dave Hanson on being named the
17 National Federation of State High School Associations 2018-2019 National Boys Swimming &
18 Diving Coach of the Year; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Dave Hanson, Swimming & Diving Coach,
21 Bishop Hendricken High School.

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