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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING BRIAN GILMORE ON BEING SELECTED AS RHODE ISLAND'S
2020 "FIRST YEAR PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR"

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Ciccone, Paolino, Nesselbush, and Gallo

Date Introduced: February 11, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In the words of President John Quincy Adams "If your actions inspire
2 others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Brian Gilmore,
3 Principal of the Birchwood Middle School in North Providence, has inspired his staff and the
4 school's students to envision the possibilities, to have confidence in themselves and their abilities,
5 and to believe in a future full of promise; and

6 WHEREAS, For his outstanding leadership during his first year as Principal, Mr.
7 Gilmore has earned the prestigious honor of being named First Year Principal of the Year by the
8 Rhode Island Association of School Principals; and

9 WHEREAS, Prior to his career in education, Mr. Gilmore had completed the New York
10 Police Academy. To the good fortune of all his students, he instead chose to become a teacher.
11 He began his career at Jenks Junior High in Pawtucket as a 7th-grade social studies teacher,
12 where he met his future wife, Christine. He spent the next three years at Goff Junior High, also in
13 Pawtucket, before taking a position as an Assistant Principal in West Warwick, and then returned
14 to the classroom for a few years; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2018, Mr. Gilmore was named Principal of the Birchwood Middle School
16 in his hometown of North Providence. Approachable and involved, he has been described as "a
17 big dad walking around the building." When once asked how many children he has, he replied, "I
18 have 453 kids and two at home." His two daughters, Emma and Madeline, have also become part
19 of his school family, often joining their dad at the school's Student of the Month breakfasts; and

1 WHEREAS, Principal Gilmore is credited with elevating the school's academic standings
2 in numerous areas. During his short tenure, Birchwood's students improved 31 percent in
3 English on the state's standardized test (RICAS) and 12 percent in math, with only 9 percent not
4 meeting the standard, which is down from the previous 20 percent. In addition, teacher
5 absenteeism was 18 percent last year and has now dropped to 6 percent, and suspensions have
6 dropped from 198 days and 50 students to 59 days and 20 students; and

7 WHEREAS, Brian Gilmore is a true and proven champion of education. His dedication
8 and expertise have been tremendous assets to the entire school community, and his genuine love
9 of learning has not only helped hundreds of children to succeed, but has now earned him the
10 praise and admiration of his peers; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
12 hereby congratulates Brian Gilmore on the prestigious honor of being named the "First Year
13 Principal of the Year" by the Rhode Island Association of School Principals. We wish him the
14 very best of health, happiness, and success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Brian Gilmore, Principal, Birchwood
17 Middle School.

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