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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT ON BEING DESIGNATED
AS A 2021 "GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS HONOREE" BY THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Introduced By: Representatives McGaw, Cortvriend, Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Edwards,
Donovan, Filippi, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: April 27, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Annually, state education officials select and nominate top schools, districts,
2 and postsecondary institutions in their states to be recognized as Green Ribbon Schools Honorees.
3 The 2021 honorees were named from a pool of candidates nominated by 20 states; and

4 WHEREAS, The Portsmouth School District is one of five school districts nationwide to
5 receive this prestigious Green Ribbon designation in 2021, and was the only municipality in
6 Rhode Island to be honored as a district; and

7 WHEREAS, The Green School designation was developed to "honor schools for their
8 sustainable facilities, health practices, and effective environmental education" and to highlight the
9 many innovative practices and helpful resources utilized to improve school facilities, health, and
10 environmental engagement; and

11 WHEREAS, The Portsmouth School District benefitted from the teamwork of numerous
12 individuals in achieving this recognition with District science coach Margie Brennan credited as a
13 driving force in their efforts; and

14 WHEREAS, The accomplishments and strides demonstrated by Portsmouth School
15 District's achievement illustrates the positive impact that schools can have on not only the
16 academic experience of the young people they educate, but also on our environment and the
17 world; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
19 congratulates the Portsmouth School District on being designated as a 2021 "Green Ribbon

1 Schools Honoree" by the United States Department of Education and commends them on their
2 uncompromising dedication to environmental sustainability and excellence in education; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Thomas Kenworthy, Superintendent of the
6 Portsmouth School District.

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