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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

JOYOUSLY CONGRATULATING THE HOPE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL TEAM  
ON WINNING THE 2021 RHODE ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL DIVISION III  
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ajello, Filippi, Slater,  
Williams, J Lombardi, Hull, and Kislak

Date Introduced: June 30, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Hope High School Baseball Team compiled a sterling 10-2 regular  
2 season record and entered the Rhode Island Division III playoffs as a one seed with high hopes of  
3 winning a State Championship for the first time in 79 years; and

4 WHEREAS, In the opening round of the Rhode Island Baseball Playoffs Bracket, Hope  
5 High School easily dispatched Shea High School by the score of 16 to 6 to advance to the  
6 semifinals where they faced Davies Career & Technical High School. In a hard fought series,  
7 Hope and Davies split the first two games. In the decisive third game, the gutsy Hope team  
8 battled tenaciously despite having four players injured. They emerged victorious in the clinching  
9 game by a 7-6 score thanks to a clutch walk-off hit provided by Eddison Ramos; and

10 WHEREAS, In a thrilling series contested against Exeter-West Greenwich at McCarthy  
11 Field in West Warwick, Hope High School prevailed in a rousing, bitterly fought three game  
12 contest. Hope won game one thanks to a strong pitching performance provided by Livio  
13 Rodriguez. After dropping game two, things were looking bleak for Hope High School in the  
14 deciding game as they trailed by one run in the seventh inning. However, the Hope baseball team  
15 once again displayed the grit and toughness they had exhibited all season as they rallied and  
16 scored the two game-winning runs on a clutch walk-off extra base hit provided by Erick Batista to  
17 win the 2021 Rhode Island High School Division III Baseball Championship; and

18 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship in any team sport is an incredible  
19 accomplishment only possible if everyone on the team gives their all and puts team needs first

1 ahead of individual aspirations. The 2021 Hope High School Baseball Team had those amazing  
2 qualities in abundance as they were led all season by the outstanding play and support provided  
3 by Loudwin Almanzar, Erick Batista, Jose Corporan, Jesus Cortorreal, Julio Minyety, Ruben  
4 Ogando, Eddison Ramos, Gerlin Reyes, Livio Rodriguez, Victor Suarez, Victor Suazo, Abraham  
5 Ventura, Osvaldo Jose Zapata, and Osvaldo Samuel Zapata. The Hope Baseball Team was also  
6 aided all season by the outstanding leadership provided by Head Coach Steve Breitbach, who just  
7 finished his fifth season as a math teacher and head baseball coach at Hope High School, and  
8 Assistant Coach Pedro Correia who has been coaching at Hope High School for about forty years;  
9 now, therefore be it

10           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
11 joyously congratulates the 2021 Hope High School Baseball Team on winning the 2021 Rhode  
12 Island High School Baseball Division III State Championship; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Hope High School Baseball Head Coach, Steve  
15 Breitbach.

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