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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
TEAM ON THEIR OUTSTANDING 2021-2022 SEASON AND WISHING THEM
CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE 2022 WOMEN'S NATIONAL INVITATION
TOURNAMENT (WNIT)

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Craven, McEntee, Blazejewski, Donovan,
Speakman, Carson, Ruggiero, Alzate, and Baginski

Date Introduced: March 17, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The 2021-2022 University of Rhode Island Women's Basketball Team have
2 had an historic season, as they have compiled an outstanding 22-6 overall record and have earned
3 their first-ever berth in the WNIT. The URI team also finished in second-place in the Atlantic Ten
4 Conference regular season, finishing with a sterling 12-2 conference record; and

5 WHEREAS, The URI Women's Basketball Team was led all season by the outstanding
6 play and leadership provided by Senior Forward Emmanuelle Tahane, who was selected to the
7 Atlantic Ten All Conference First Team and led URI in both scoring and rebounding. All-Third
8 Team Conference selections Dez Elmore, a Senior Guard and the second leading scorer and
9 rebounder on the team, and Marie-Paule Foppossi, a junior forward and the third leading scorer
10 and rebounder on the team, also made vital contributions to the success of the team. Others
11 making important contributions are Dolly Cairns, Chanell Williams, Emmi Rinat, Anna
12 Dreimane, Marta Vargas, Rebecca Demeke, Mayé Touré, Sophie Phillips and Yanni Hendley;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Much of the incredible success achieved by the University of Rhode Island
15 Women's Basketball Team can be accredited to Head Coach Tammy Reiss. Ms. Reiss, a
16 University of Virginia graduate and both a former actress and professional basketball player, has
17 in her three short years at URI, taken a program that had a record of 8-21 the season before Coach
18 Reiss arrived at URI, into one of the best women's basketball programs in the Atlantic Ten

1 Conference and within the New England and Northeast regions. In recognition of her outstanding
2 success as the URI Women's Basketball Head Coach, she was named the 2020-2021 Atlantic Ten
3 Coach of the Year; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
5 congratulates the University of Rhode Island Women's Basketball Team on their exceptionally
6 successful 2021-2022 season and wishes them continued success in the 2022 Women's National
7 Invitation Tournament; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Tammi Reiss, Head Basketball Coach,
10 University of Rhode Island Women's Basketball Team.

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