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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE 11TH ANNUAL PROSTART® HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

Introduced By: Representatives Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Spears, Dawson, Kennedy, Edwards, Tanzi, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 20, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, ProStart® is “a two-year hospitality career-building program designed by
2 the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation” with an enrollment of nearly 600
3 Rhode Island students. The Hospitality & Tourism Management program and the American Hotel
4 & Lodging Educational Institute is a two-year, turnkey high school curriculum with
5 approximately 100 additional students currently enrolled; and

6 WHEREAS, Hosted by the RI Hospitality Education Foundation, the ProStart® High
7 School Competition is an annual event featuring three competitive areas, Culinary Arts,
8 Foodservice Management, and Hotel Management; and

9 WHEREAS, Forty-five high-school culinary students from five Rhode Island schools
10 competed in the three areas, with more than fifty local industry professionals serving as judges.
11 At stake was \$500,000 in available scholarship money, pledged by seven different colleges and
12 universities to be shared among the winning teams; and

13 WHEREAS, The culinary team members from the Exeter Job Corps Academy, including
14 Xaaly Barr, Jaheim Shannon, Steven Sarabia, Michael Rotondi, and Luis Cosme, led by Chef
15 Instructor Mark Bennison, won the Culinary Arts portion of the competition; and

16 WHEREAS, A foodservice management team from the East Providence Area Career &
17 Technical Center including Annabella Camelo, Haley Duarte, and Sade Williams, led by Chef
18 Instructor Marie-Claire McKillip won the Foodservice Management portion of the competition;
19 and

1 WHEREAS, The hospitality and tourism management team from CHARIHOTech
2 including Elisabeth Kendall, Isabella Basile, Liliana D'Alfonso, Morgan Desarro, and Lucas
3 Segura, led by Instructor Donald Fair won the Hotel Management portion of the competition; and

4 WHEREAS, Winning dishes and desserts from the competition will be featured at some
5 of Rhode Island's finest restaurants, and winning culinary and foodservice management team
6 members will now advance to represent Rhode Island at the National Restaurant Association
7 Educational Foundation's National ProStart® Invitational competition; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
9 extends enthusiastic congratulations to members of Exeter Job Corps Academy, the East
10 Providence Area Career & Technical Center, and CHARIHOTech on winning the ProStart High
11 School Competition and wishes Exeter and East Providence best of luck at the National
12 Competition in Washington on May 2nd; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Exeter Job Corps Academy, East Providence
15 Area Career & Technical Center, and CHARIHOTech.

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