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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE SHEA/TOLMAN GIRLS VARSITY CO-OP BASKETBALL
TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 RHODE ISLAND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM DIVISION
II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators Cano, F. Lombardi, Felag, Picard, Tikoian, Burke,
LaMountain, DiPalma, and Rogers

Date Introduced: April 25, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Shea/Tolman Girls Varsity Co-op Basketball Team had an outstanding
2 regular season, compiling a sterling 16-2 divisional record and earning a second seed in the
3 Division II Girls State Basketball Tournament; and

4 WHEREAS, In the Rhode Island State Championship Tournament, Shea/Tolman played
5 an almost perfect game as they defeated Cumberland in the first round by a score of 57-37. In the
6 semi-final round, Shea/Tolman once again dominated their opposition, beating Chariho by the
7 score of 58-40 to earn a spot in the Division II Championship game; and

8 WHEREAS, In a thrilling championship game, that will be long remembered by all who
9 witnessed the game, the Shea/Tolman Girls Co-op Basketball Team emerged victorious over
10 Moses Brown in a tense and hard-fought double overtime game. With Armani Rivera making
11 clutch free throws and Aryana Blanco hitting key shots from distance, the Shea/Tolman Girls Co-
12 op Basketball Team made history by winning one of the greatest high school basketball games in
13 Rhode Island Interscholastic League history; and

14 WHEREAS, Winning a State Title in a team sport is an incredibly difficult achievement
15 to accomplish. It requires that every member of the team put in the maximum effort at all times
16 and always place team goals and needs ahead of individual desires and aspirations. The 2024
17 Shea/Tolman Girls Varsity Co-op Basketball Team has these essential qualities in abundance as
18 they were led all season by the outstanding play provided by Janae Ashton, Kayliana E. Blair,
19 Kasyra Fernandes, Tiyara Gonzalez, Bendu Kamara, Alexandra A. Larios, Asiannei Rodrigues,

1 Aryana Blanco, Trinity Burk, Azilyn Medina, Armani Rivera, Angel Sheriff and Taniyah
2 Teemer. The Shea/Tolman squad was also blessed to be led all season by the outstanding
3 coaching and leadership provided by Head Coaches John Lickert and Walter Gonzalez, and
4 Assistant Coach Andrew Maigret; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby heartily congratulates
6 the Shea/Tolman Girls Varsity Co-op Basketball Team on winning the 2024 Rhode Island Girls
7 Basketball Division II State Championship; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Shea/Tolman Girls Varsity Co-op Basketball
10 Head Coaches John Lickert and Walter Gonzalez.

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