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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING THE WINNERS OF THE 13TH ANNUAL PROSTART® HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, Kennedy, Shallcross  
Smith, Costantino, Spears, Chippendale, Casey, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: March 27, 2025

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 in the hospitality career-building program designed by the National  
4 Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, and an additional 100 students enrolled in the  
5 Hospitality & Tourism Management program, designed by the American Hotel & Lodging  
6 Educational Institute’s (AHLEI) which is also a two-year, turnkey high school curriculum; and

7           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation (RIHEF) hosted the  
8 2025 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Rhode Island High School Culinary Arts, Foodservice & Hotel Management  
9 Competition in February, with six local teams competing for a total of \$700,000 in scholarship  
10 money and the chance to represent Rhode Island in the National ProStart Invitational in  
11 Baltimore, Maryland; and

12           WHEREAS, The annual event features three competitive areas, Culinary Arts,  
13 Foodservice Management, and Hospitality Tourism Management with more than fifty local  
14 industry professionals serving as judges; and

15           WHEREAS, The top competitors were from CHARIHOTech, Charles E. Shea Senior  
16 High School, the Exeter Job Corps Academy, the Newport Area Career and Technical Center, the  
17 Warwick Area Career and Technical Center, and William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical  
18 High School; and

19           WHEREAS, Rhode Island’s First Place Culinary Team, hailing from William M. Davies,

1 Jr. Career and Technical High School were Bobbi Calder, Abigail Grullon, and Aliyah Dantzler;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, First place winners in the Foodservice Management Team were Kenadee  
4 Houle and Adrianny Jimenez from William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School;  
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6 WHEREAS, First Place in the Hospitality and Tourism Management Team competition  
7 were Gavin Apice, Molley Kennedy, Morgan Allen, Olivia Swanson, and Juliet Costa, from  
8 Chariho Area Career & Technical Center; and

9 WHEREAS, The winning Culinary and Foodservice Management Teams will now  
10 advance to the 2025 National ProStart® Invitational on May 2<sup>nd</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>, where they will  
11 represent not only their respective schools, but the State of Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
13 extends enthusiastic congratulations to members from William M. Davies, Jr. Career and  
14 Technical High School and Chariho Area Career & Technical Center on winning the ProStart®  
15 High School Competition and wishes William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School  
16 best of luck at the National Competition in Baltimore, MD; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical  
19 High School and CHARIHOTech.

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