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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senators LaMountain, Paolino, E Morgan, Mack, Tikoian, Bell,
Sosnowski, Lawson, and Raptakis
Date Introduced: March 27, 2025

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

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 13th 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;
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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 2nd - May 4th, where they will
11 represent not only their respective schools, but the State of Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

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