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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF THOMPSON MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE ANNUAL RHODE ISLAND CIVICS DAY AND CELEBRATING THEIR AWARD-WINNING ACHIEVEMENT

Introduced By: Senators Euer, Dimitri, Sosnowski, Rogers, Urso, Raptakis, Appollonio, McKenney, Felag, and Zurier

Date Introduced: June 10, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, On May 22, 2026, Generation Citizen New England hosted its annual in-
2 person Rhode Island Civics Day at the Rhode Island State House, gathering nearly 200 civic-
3 minded middle and high school students to act as community problem solvers and changemakers;
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5 WHEREAS, This historic occasion marked the very first year that Thompson Middle
6 School participated in the Generation Citizen programming and proudly sent its students to the
7 State House to engage with state leaders and present their community-based civics projects; and

8 WHEREAS, Under the exceptional leadership, guidance, and dedication of their teacher,
9 Tara Mello, the students of Thompson Middle School embraced the principles of experiential
10 civics education, effectively preparing themselves to meet the civic literacy proficiency
11 requirements of our State; and

12 WHEREAS, The outstanding caliber of Thompson Middle School's debut participation
13 was highlighted by a student team winning the prestigious Top Middle School Award for their
14 project, demonstrating extraordinary initiative and community vision; and

15 WHEREAS, The specific projects and the exemplary students who participated in Rhode
16 Island Civics Day include:

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- "Turning an Empty Space into a Community Place" (Winner of the Top Middle
18 School Project): Jadaleis Capo, David Plowden, and Liliana Pullice; and
 - "School Substance Abuse Program": Jayden Clarke, Olivia Jimenez, and Teagan
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- "Student Voice -- Creating an 8th Grade Student Council": Bailee Martinelli, Alondra Molina, and Yasmelyn Ramirez; and
- "Improving School Lunches": Alissia Flores-Pulsone, Bishop Hazard, and Joshua Marrero; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby heartily congratulates the students of Thompson Middle School and their teacher, Tara Mello, for their inspiring participation in the 2026 Rhode Island Civics Day and celebrates the Top Middle School Award recipients for their exceptional work; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Thompson Middle School Teacher, Tara Mello, and the Principal of Thompson Middle School.

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