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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS AND COACH OF THE EAST GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ON THEIR 1ST PLACE VICTORY AT THE 40TH RHODE ISLAND ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Introduced By: Representatives Caldwell, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Shanley, Kennedy, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Fellela, and Kislak

Date Introduced: May 23, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Academic Decathlon was co-founded by John Howell,  
2 publisher of the Warwick Beacon, in December of 1983, and is open to all public, private and  
3 parochial high schools in Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, This rigorous competition tests the brain power and overall knowledge and  
5 thinking skills of high school entrants from across the state, in subject areas ranging from science  
6 to art to math, as well as speech, interview, and essay writing; and

7 WHEREAS, The Decathlon includes both a team competition component and awards  
8 Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals to distinguish individuals for their outstanding achievements.  
9 With an astounding score of more than 30,000 points, East Greenwich High School took home  
10 the first-place team honors. This is the second year in a row that EGHS has earned top place; and

11 WHEREAS, Winning team members include: Rishi Gokhale, Raj Vishnu, Will Penhall,  
12 Cooper Jones, Bridget Wexler and Zalmay Ahmed who earned gold medals in art, music, and  
13 social studies, silver in literature and math, and bronze in science, Emmett Bassen-Alexander,  
14 who earned gold medals in music and art, silver in math, and bronze in literature, and Sunny  
15 Wang, who earned silver medals in economics and music; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition, East Greenwich team coach, Ben Revkin received the  
17 Augustine Capotosto, Jr. Award. He also received accolades from his team members who  
18 credited Coach Revkin with "our team's success in large part to him" and with his ability to steer  
19 team members toward studying and his vast knowledge and experience; and

1           WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize our youth and to celebrate their  
2 accomplishments. The East Greenwich Team members exemplify everything that young people  
3 can achieve, and they are truly deserving of our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
5 congratulates the East Greenwich High School team winners and their coach for their victory at  
6 the 2023 Rhode Island Academic Decathlon. We moreover wish them much happiness and  
7 success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Ben Revkin, Coach of the Academic  
10 Decathlon Team for East Greenwich High School.

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