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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING THE WESTERLY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM ON  
WINNING THE DIVISION II RHODE ISLAND STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Representative Samuel A. Azzinaro

Date Introduced: March 24, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, On Saturday, March 13, 2010, the Westerly Girls High School basketball  
2 team won the Rhode Island State Basketball Division II Championship by defeating Chariho  
3 High School 46-43 in a thrilling game held at the Ryan Center on the campus of the University of  
4 Rhode Island; and

5           WHEREAS, Not only was this the first girls basketball state title for Westerly in twenty  
6 years, but it also occurred exactly 62 years to the day when the Westerly boys basketball team,  
7 led by the grandfathers (Tony Piccolo and Fran Gencarelli) of current players Liz Cruso and Jena  
8 Piccolo, won the state championship; and

9           WHEREAS, After compiling an outstanding 17-4 regular season record, Westerly began  
10 the Rhode Island State Championship playoffs by crushing Moses Brown 75-32 in the first round  
11 of the tournament. After defeating Mount St. Charles 42-39 in the second game of the state  
12 championship tournament, Westerly was slated to face nemesis Prout High School, a squad that  
13 had defeated Westerly twice in the regular season. In a thrilling semi-final game, Westerly got  
14 revenge by emerging victorious 42-38 in a gutsy, heart-pounding victory. Westerly then faced  
15 Chariho High School in the Championship game and, in another nail-biter, prevailed 46-43 to win  
16 the Rhode Island State Championship; and

17           WHEREAS, Westerly was led all season by the superb coaching and innovative  
18 leadership provided by Head Coach Dr. Holly Misto, who was supported by Assistant Coaches  
19 Arianna Dolock and Lou Laudone. Winning a state championship would have been impossible

1 without the complete dedication and selfless attitudes displayed by each of the team members,  
2 including Co-Captains Jill Torrey and Christine Corah, along with Elizabeth Cruso, Hannah  
3 Dobson, Jessica Cherenza, Brittany LeClair, Katie Flanagan, Paige Lacey, Emily Dobson, Jessica  
4 Fontana, Erin Tiedemann, Jena Piccolo, Ashley LeClair, and Brianna Lord; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
6 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Westerly Girls High School Basketball Team on  
7 winning the Division II Rhode Island State Basketball Championship; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Westerly Girls High School Basketball Head  
10 Coach Dr. Holly Misto.

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