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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Representatives Caldwell, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Shanley,  
O'Brien, Ajello, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: May 17, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Academic Decathlon was founded in 1983, and is open to  
2 all public, private and parochial high schools in Rhode Island; and

3 WHEREAS, The 39th annual Rhode Island Academic Decathlon consisted of more than  
4 130 students from twelve high school teams from across Rhode Island, and comprised of no more  
5 than three members of each academic grade level. The entrants participated in an eight hour  
6 rigorous competition that tests the brain power and overall knowledge and thinking skills in ten  
7 subject areas ranging from science to art to math, as well as speech, interview, economics,  
8 language, social science, literature, and essay writing. The theme for this year's competition was  
9 "Water: The Essential Resource"; and

10 WHEREAS, After consistently placing in the top three over the last several years, at the  
11 2022 Rhode Island competition, held on March 6th at Bryant University, the East Greenwich  
12 High School team, under the expert tutelage of their team advisor and coach, Ben Revkin, scored  
13 34,000 points and regained first place honors, which they had last achieved in 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, The East Greenwich High School team members include Emmett Bassen-  
15 Alexander, Guy Sanchez, Julia Xu, Zalmay Ahmad, Raj Vishnu, KC Bisetti, Cooper Jones, and  
16 Mia Pinkes. Each team member received at least one medal, half the team had more than five  
17 medals, and Mia Pinkes earned a medal for the highest overall score for an individual participant;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, By taking top honors at the RI Competition, members of the East

1 Greenwich team earned the right to represent Rhode Island at the United States Academic  
2 Decathlon where they attained the designation of Division II "Rookie of the Year"; and

3 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize our youth and to celebrate their  
4 accomplishments. These distinguished future leaders of our state not only established their  
5 academic prowess but also exemplify everything that young people can achieve, and they are  
6 truly deserving of our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
8 congratulates the East Greenwich High School team members and Coach for their victory and  
9 their commendable "Rookie of the Year" status at the National Competition. We moreover wish  
10 them much happiness and success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

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

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