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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 NORTH SMITHFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL  
TEAM ON WINNING THE SCHOOL'S FIRST RHODE ISLAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Representative Brian C. Newberry

Date Introduced: June 10, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The North Smithfield Middle School Girls Softball Team may represent one  
2 of the smallest public schools around, but that didn't stop them from winning the State  
3 Championship at Rhode Island College by defeating Feinstein Middle School of Coventry with a  
4 score of 6 to 1; and

5           WHEREAS, For many years, North Smithfield Middle School was considered a doormat  
6 in softball competition, but that changed once Fran Clark was named head coach. A dynamic  
7 leader and innovative teacher, he quickly turned the program around and made the team into a  
8 force to be reckoned with; and

9           WHEREAS, North Smithfield entered the State Tournament playoffs on a hot streak,  
10 having won fifteen games in a row and not suffering a loss since the second week of the season.  
11 In the Semi-Finals, they met rival Scituate Middle School. The schools split their two regular  
12 season games and played a thrilling game that saw the lead see-saw back and forth. In the last  
13 inning, with North Smithfield down to their last three outs, the young ladies rallied to win the  
14 game and stay alive in the tournament. Allie Depari led off the inning by lashing a double down  
15 the left field line. After a sacrifice bunt moved her to third base, she scored to tie the game after  
16 Jessica Tremblay beat out a ground ball for a base hit. Stefanie Gomes batted next and got a base  
17 hit, putting runners on first and second, and after Katherine West hit a blooper that fell in for a  
18 base hit, the bases were loaded. Nicole Turcotte then showed off her excellent batting eye and  
19 took four pitches that were out of the strike zone, to bring in the game-winning run; and

1           WHEREAS, Compared to the Semi-Final, the championship game was a walk in the park  
2 for the North Smithfield team. Led by the magnificent pitching of Karissa Clark and the clutch  
3 hitting of Allie Depari, Jessica Tremblay, Rachel Manzi, and Stefanie Gomes, North Smithfield  
4 won the championship 6 to 1 in dominating fashion; and

5           WHEREAS, The North Smithfield Middle School Girls Softball Team could not have  
6 won the State Championship without the exemplary coaching provided by Coach Fran Clark, and  
7 the daily contributions provided by players Jennifer Houde, Jessica Tremblay, Stefanie Gomes,  
8 Nicole Turcotte, Angela Pasquariello, Morgan Walsh, Bianca Antonelli, Caroline Belcher, Emilie  
9 Guertin, Michaela Brodeur, Katherine West, Karissa Carlton, Kristen Fontaine, Jessica  
10 Blakemore, Alexa Scalzo, Julia Cloutier, Rachel Manzi, Angela Barber, Kaley O'Connor, Allison  
11 Depari, and Casey Aridano; now, therefore be it

12           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
13 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the North Smithfield Middle School Girls Softball  
14 Team on winning the Rhode Island State Championship; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Fran Clark.

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