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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS AND COACH OF THE
NORTH KINGSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ON THEIR 1ST PLACE VICTORY AT THE
41ST RHODE ISLAND ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Craven, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place,
Solomon, Kazarian, Tanzi, Kennedy, and McNamara

Date Introduced: May 21, 2024

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 The 41st annual Rhode Island Academic Decathlon was held on March 3, 2024, at Bryant
10 University, with fifteen Rhode Island high schools competing. For the first time, North
11 Kingstown High School took home first-place honors; and

12 WHEREAS, Winning team members include: Lilian Borkman, Alice Dunning, Thea
13 Carr, Sydney Howell, Lucas Meier, Allana Trombley, Artur Porto, and Camdin Smith. The North
14 Kingstown team was superbly led by coach Susan Erikson; and

15 WHEREAS, The North Kingstown team also took first place in the Super Quiz, which is
16 part of the Rhode Island competition. Two North Kingstown seniors won gold medals, Lucas
17 Meier in Science and Artur Porto in Economics. North Kingstown also had the high honor of
18 representing Rhode Island in the United States Academic Decathlon held from April 25-27 in
19 Pittsburgh; and

1 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize our youth and to celebrate their
2 accomplishments. The North Kingstown 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 North Kingstown High School team and their coach for their victory at the 2024
6 Rhode Island Academic Decathlon. We moreover wish them much happiness and success in all
7 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 Ms. Susan Erikson, Coach of the Decathlon
10 Team for North Kingstown High School.

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