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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND 2009-2010 MEN'S
BASKETBALL TEAM ON THE COMPLETION OF THEIR VERY SUCCESSFUL
REGULAR SEASON AND WISHING THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE NATIONAL
INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Maher, Paiva-Weed, Connors, and C Levesque

Date Introduced: March 18, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The URI 2009-2010 Men's Basketball Team, led by Head Coach Jim Baron,
2 just completed another successful regular season on the hard court posting a sterling 23-9 record
3 and earning an invitation to the 32 team NIT field as the 2nd seed. This is their third straight NIT
4 appearance and the school's 14th career NIT appearance. URI will host 7th seeded Northwestern
5 University on Wednesday, March 17th, in a game that will be televised live nationally by ESPNU;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The University of Rhode Island's Men's Basketball Team and Coach Jim
8 Baron surprised most observers and prognosticators by compiling a superb season when most
9 expected a difficult rebuilding year. Instead, URI knocked off major opponents such as Boston
10 College, Massachusetts, Oklahoma State, Dayton, and defeated rival Providence College in a
11 thrilling win at the Ryan Center; and

12 WHEREAS, URI was led all season by the gritty and determined leadership of their two
13 senior Co-Captains, guard Keith Cothran and forward Lamonte Ulmer. Keith led the team in
14 scoring while Lamonte led the team in rebounding. Star forward Delroy James earned second
15 team All-Atlantic Ten recognition and finished second on the team in free throw shooting
16 percentage, rebounding, and scoring. Marquis Jones and Stevie Mejia performed superbly at the
17 point guard position, finishing first and second on the team in assists. Freshman sensation guard
18 Akeem Richmond finished 4th on the team in scoring and was selected to the Atlantic Ten All-

1 Freshman team. Junior forward Orion Outerbridge provided the team with much needed energy
2 and steadiness coming off the bench, and center Will Martell led the squad in blocked shots and
3 was named to the Atlantic Ten Academic All-Conference team. Also contributing much to the
4 success of this season's squad were Ben Eaves, Jamal Wilson, Ryan Brooks, and Nikola
5 Malesevic; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby congratulates the University of Rhode Island Men's Basketball Team on the completion of
8 their very successful 2009-2010 season and wishes them continued success in the National
9 Invitational Tournament and in their first round game at the Ryan Center on Wednesday night,
10 March 17, against Northwestern University; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Coach Jim Baron.

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