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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MARCH 23, 2010, TO BE "HOBEY BAKER HIGH SCHOOL CHARACTER AWARDS DAY" IN RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, Lynch, DiPalma, Sosnowski, and DeVall

Date Introduced: March 23, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Interscholastic Hockey Coaches Association, in
2 conjunction with the Hobey Baker Foundation, will host the fifth annual Hobey Baker High
3 School Character Award program in Rhode Island. The Awards are given annually to one high
4 school senior from each of the 42 participating boys and girls hockey programs in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, The award recognizes those boys and girls who best exemplify the spirit,
6 sportsmanship, and character of Hobey Baker, who never missed a game in his six years of
7 playing hockey and only had one penalty called on him in his career, while averaging four points
8 a game. After every game, Hobey Baker would visit the opposing team's locker room and shake
9 the hand of every player; and

10 WHEREAS, Hobey Baker played hockey and football at Princeton and was the Captain
11 of both teams. Hobey is the only individual ever to be inducted to the College Football Hall of
12 Fame and the Hockey Hall of Fame; and

13 WHEREAS, During World War I, Hobey Baker enlisted as a fighter pilot and earned
14 medals for his exceptional valor under fire in the skies over Europe. Sadly, just as he was
15 expected to return to America and receive a hero's welcome, Hobey died in France while testing a
16 repaired aircraft; and

17 WHEREAS, The "Hobey Baker Character Awards" program would not exist without the
18 hard work and dedicated support of its State Director, Mr. Dick Brussard. As a result of Mr.
19 Brussard's tireless work and devotion, the winners of the 2010 awards will be honored March 23,

1 2010, by the Rhode Island General Assembly, with a reception in the Governor's State Room;
2 now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby declares March 23, 2010, to be "Hobey Baker High School Character Awards Day" in
5 Rhode Island; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Dick Brussard.

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