

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING ANDREW BRASSARD ON BEING NAMED A 2010-2011  
"DISTINGUISHED TEACHER OF THE YEAR"**

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Moura, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 08, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Andrew Brassard, a mathematics teacher with St. Augustine's School in  
2 Providence since 1997, inspires his students to have confidence in themselves and their abilities,  
3 envision the possibilities, and embrace their Catholic faith; and

4           WHEREAS, For his dedication to young people, education, and Catholic values, Mr.  
5 Brassard was chosen as one of only twelve elementary school teachers from across the United  
6 States to be named a 2010-2011 "Distinguished Teacher of the Year" by the National Catholic  
7 Education Association. This recognition is a momentous tribute to an exceptional individual who  
8 has had a significant and profound impact on the lives of his students; and

9           WHEREAS, Combining a genuine love of math and teaching with boundless patience,  
10 Mr. Brassard has led young people through the intricacies and nuances of difficult algebraic  
11 equations as easily as he coaches them on the basketball court. By embodying Catholic values  
12 and faith in all that he does, he encourages his students to become effective and contributing  
13 members of the community, thereby facilitating their lifelong success; and

14           WHEREAS, The positive impact Mr. Brassard has had on his students' lives has  
15 certainly qualified him as one of the "best of the best." He has distinguished himself not only as a  
16 tremendous asset to the Catholic school community, but also as a man who is eminently worthy  
17 of our praise and admiration; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
19 hereby recognizes and congratulates Andrew Brassard for the prestigious honor of being named a

1 2010-2011 "Distinguished Teacher of the Year" by the National Catholic Education Association.  
2 We furthermore extend our best wishes for his continued success, good health, and happiness;  
3 and be it further  
4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Andrew Brassard.

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