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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

CONGRATULATING TEAM 78, AIRSTRIKE, ON QUALIFYING FOR THE NEW ENGLAND "FOR INSPIRATION AND RECOGNITION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY" (FIRST) ROBOTICS COMPETITION DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP AND COMPETING AT THE FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Representatives Cortvriend, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Filippi, and Edwards

Date Introduced: May 08, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, As our young people prepare to compete in the global market, robotics
2 competitions and the propensities inherent in the necessary preparation for these events have
3 become increasingly popular and provide a tremendous opportunity for the development of team
4 building skills, and engineering and computer proficiency; and

5 WHEREAS, The FIRST Robotics Competition offers high school students and their
6 professional mentors with the opportunity to work together to create a solution to a common task;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and
9 technology, teams are challenged to design and build a robot in just six weeks, using a standard
10 "kit of parts" and adhering to a common set of rules in order to play a sophisticated field game;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Team AIR STRIKE is comprised of 25 students from 13 schools across
13 Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts and 14 adult mentors from 7 communities. Team
14 members built a remotely-controlled 125 lb. robot for this year's DESTINATION DEEP SPACE
15 challenge; and

16 WHEREAS, During three qualifying NE FIRST District Events, Team AIR STRIKE
17 earned the #1 ranking at each event, and 9th overall out of 210 competing teams represented in the
18 New England District which then qualified the team to compete at the FIRST World

1 Championship; and

2 WHEREAS, For the creativity, execution, and passion for First ideals, exhibited during
3 the initial qualification matches, AIR STRIKE was presented with the coveted Chairman's
4 Award, the Engineering Inspiration Award, and team member Isabella Heffernan from St. Mary
5 Academy – Bay View, was selected as a semi-finalist for the Dean's List Award; and

6 WHEREAS, At the World Championship, AIRSTRIKE finished 4th out of 68 teams in
7 their division and made it through the quarter finals. Although the team was eliminated in the
8 semi-finals, their efforts and season record was phenomenal; and

9 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to
10 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. Members of AIR STRIKE are remarkable
11 young men and women who epitomize our hopes for a stronger, more sustainable future, and they
12 are truly deserving of our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
14 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and applauds Team 78, AIR STRIKE, on their
15 success at the New England FIRST District Championship and a strong showing at the FIRST
16 World Championship and wishing them much success at the Championship and in all their future
17 endeavors; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Lisa Janssen, Aquidneck Island Robotics, Inc.

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