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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

**CONGRATULATING THE PONAGANSET BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE
RHODE ISLAND DIVISION II BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Keable, Winfield, Fellela, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: June 18, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Ponaganset Boys' Baseball team had an outstanding 2016 regular
2 season, compiling a sterling 15-3 League record and tying Tiverton High School for first place in
3 the Division; and

4 WHEREAS, Ponaganset rolled through the early rounds of the Rhode Island Divisional
5 State Playoffs, defeating Tolman in the first game and later defeating Mount St. Charles to
6 advance to the State Tournament championship round. The Chieftains were led throughout the
7 playoffs by the dynamic pitching provided by their League Cy Young Award Winner Mike
8 Viveiros, and the slugging provided by MVP Award Winner Tyler Flynn; and

9 WHEREAS, The first two games of the Division II State Baseball finals played at
10 McCoy Stadium against The Prout School were thrilling low scoring affairs, with Ponaganset
11 emerging victorious in the first game by the score of 1 to 0, and Prout winning the second game
12 by the score of 2 to 1; and

13 WHEREAS, In the pressure packed deciding game, Ponaganset pulled away to win the
14 championship by the score of 4 to 1, thanks to the timely hitting provided by Billy Butler and the
15 clutch pitching provided by Mike Viveiros who battled hard throughout the game, pitching out of
16 tough jams and only surrendering one run to lead the Chieftains to the first Rhode Island State
17 Baseball Title in the long and storied history of Ponaganset High School athletics; and

18 WHEREAS, The Ponaganset baseball team was also awarded the 2016 Sportsmanship
19 Award by the Rhode Island Umpires Association and the Division II Coaches Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Winning a State Championship in a team sport is an incredibly difficult
2 achievement, one that requires that every member of the team give his all and put team goals
3 ahead of personal aspirations. Ponaganset was blessed to have an abundance of these kinds of
4 players as they were led all season by the significant contributions provided by Billy Butler,
5 Brenton Travers, Chris DiPetrillo, Curtis Briggs, Devon Atkinson, Jake Ferrucci, John Biafore,
6 Joshua Greene, Julian Poirier, Ken Desrosiers, Alec Gardella, Michael Viveiros, Peter Fiore,
7 Tyler Flynn and Ty Parrillo. The Chieftains were also aided all season by the sterling leadership
8 and coaching provided by Head Coach Anthony Parrillo, and Assistant Coaches Brian Gendreau
9 and Pete Keefe; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
11 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Ponaganset Boys' Baseball Team on winning the
12 Division II Rhode State Baseball Championship; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Anthony Parrillo, Head Baseball Coach,
15 Ponaganset High School.

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