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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE "BLOCKHEADS" ON BEING AWARDED THE "BEST OVERALL ROBOT" IN THE FIRST LEGO LEAGUE ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, and Lanzi

Date Introduced: February 09, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is a robotics program for 9 to 14 year olds
2 which is designed to get them excited about science and technology and to teach them valuable
3 employment and life skills; and

4 WHEREAS, "Blockheads" team members Matthew Baker, Matthew Levin, Jared
5 Santerre, and Adam Santerre, who range in age from eight years old to ten years old, competed
6 for the very first time against many older and more experienced teams; and

7 WHEREAS, Attending meetings with MIT and Brown professors, competing in
8 scrimmages at New England Tech, conducting research interviews, and visiting a local
9 biomedical engineering company all served to focus and hone the team's skills; and

10 WHEREAS, On January 15, 2011, competing against 58 teams, consisting of over 500
11 young people, the "Blockheads" won the award for Best Overall Robot, one of the three
12 competitive categories in the FLL Robotics Championship. The team also took second highest,
13 missing first by a mere five points, in the robot mission category; and

14 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize the triumphs of our youth and to
15 celebrate the accomplishments of our future leaders. The "Blockheads" are remarkable young
16 men. They exemplify everything that young people can achieve and they are truly deserving of
17 our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby congratulates Matthew Baker, Matthew Levin, Jared Santerre, and Adam Santerre on

1 being awarded the “Best Overall Robot” in the FLL Robotics Championship. We furthermore
2 wish team “Blockheads” continued success in all their future endeavors; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Matthew Baker, Matthew Levin, Jared Santerre,
5 and Adam Santerre.

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