

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE
2017 RHODE ISLAND BOYS' BASKETBALL DIVISION III TOURNAMENT, AND
CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON GIRLS' CHEERLEADING TEAM ON WINNING
THE 2017 RHODE ISLAND CHEERLEADING SMALL DIVISION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Introduced By: Senators Felag, DiPalma, and Seveney

Date Introduced: March 29, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Tiverton Boys' Basketball Team, led all season by the superb coaching
2 provided by Head Coach Dave Landoch, dominated their Division in the regular season on the
3 way to compiling a perfect 17 and 0 record; and

4 WHEREAS, Tiverton entered the Rhode Island Division III Tournament as the 1st seed
5 and, after receiving a bye in the preliminaries round, thrashed Central Falls in the Quarter-Finals
6 by the score of 75 to 40. In the Semi-Finals against Burrillville, the Tigers rode a tenacious
7 defense to victory, holding Burrillville to a miniscule 9 for 54 shooting performance, as Tiverton
8 earned a berth in the Championship game against Wheeler; and

9 WHEREAS, In the Championship game, Tiverton used a late first-half 10 to 1 run to
10 finish the half with a commanding 39 to 28 lead. In the second half the Tigers, led by the dynamic
11 play of Tyler Murray and Carson Hart, who scored 22 and 15 points respectively, closed out
12 Wheeler in dominating fashion as they opened up a 22 point lead on the way to a 17 point, 64 to
13 47 victory; and

14 WHEREAS, The Tiverton Girls' Cheerleading Team overcame a slow start and a thin
15 roster that at one time was short of enough players to qualify for the State Tournament, and
16 repeated as State Champions thanks to some roster additions in November and a team that jelled
17 later in the season and became a team to be reckoned with in the championship tournament; and

18 WHEREAS, Cheerleading is a sport that requires a diverse array of skills and athletic

1 abilities to perfect the stunts necessary to win a championship. It requires that one excels at
2 gymnastics, dancing and jumping, a difficult skill-set to master. Thanks to Coach Susan
3 McDermott's deft roster management, and superb leadership and coaching skills, she was able to
4 mold a youthful and smaller roster into a confident and cohesive team that perfected its stunting
5 techniques just in time for the State Championship. The result was a delight to many, as Tiverton
6 performed flawlessly and once again vanquished the competition and repeated as champions of
7 the Small Division at the 2017 Rhode Island Cheerleading Small Division State Championship;
8 now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
10 hereby congratulates the Tiverton Boys Basketball Team on winning the 2017 Rhode Island
11 Boys' Basketball Division III Tournament, and the Tiverton Girls' Cheerleading Team on winning
12 the 2017 Rhode Island Cheerleading Small Division State Championship; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. Dave Landoch, Head Basketball Coach,
15 Tiverton Basketball, and Ms. Susan McDermott, Head Coach, Tiverton Girls' Cheerleading
16 Team.

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