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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING THE TIVERTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON  
WINNING THE DIVISION III STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Introduced By: Senators Felag, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: January 13, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, This group of extraordinary young women does not believe in moderation  
2 when it comes to playing soccer. Indeed, the Tiverton High Tigers tore up the field on  
3 November 8, 2009, at Rhode Island College when they defeated Burrillville 5-2 for the Rhode  
4 Island Division III girls' soccer championship, part of the MetLife Soccer Classic; and

5           WHEREAS, From the beginning of the 2009 season, the Tiverton Girls soccer team  
6 demonstrated their shared commitment to earning the state title. They opened the season  
7 September 2, 2009, by defeating Narragansett 2-0 in their Rhode Island Division III game at  
8 Tiverton High School. They finished the season with a record of 18-1, earning another trip to the  
9 finals; and

10           WHEREAS, It was the team's dream all season to earn what seven previous trips to the  
11 finals had failed to produce. With determination in their hearts and the constant support of Coach  
12 Christine Messenger, the Tiverton team's victory was built on contributions from multiple team  
13 members. Senior Victoria Pierce was the game's Most Valuable Player. Senior Rachel Lynch  
14 scored the first goal, Sophomore Victoria Fryzel made it 2-0 when she squeezed through  
15 Burrillville's defense, and Junior Megan Raposa made the game's most picturesque goal for a 3-0  
16 lead. Senior Lauren Benevides put the Tigers ahead 4-1 when she knocked in a rebound shot from  
17 the right by Senior Melanie William and then the ultimate winning goal with a pass from Pierce;  
18 now, therefore be it

19           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 congratulates the Tiverton High School Girls Soccer Team on their 2009 Rhode Island  
2 Interscholastic League Girls Soccer Division III-South Regular Season Championship and the  
3 Division III State Championship. We recognize this worthy achievement and send our best  
4 wishes to Coach Christine Messenger, assistant Kristy Messenger, and all the young women who  
5 make up the Tiverton Team; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the principal of Tiverton High School.

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