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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING VIANSA PORTESI ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2018  
"DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMAN" FOR RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: February 01, 2018

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Distinguished Young Women program, previously known as America's  
2 Junior Miss, was founded in 1958, and is the largest and oldest national scholarship program for  
3 high school girls. Its goal is to provide young women with "a transformative experience that  
4 promotes and rewards scholarship, leadership and talent"; and

5 WHEREAS, Viansa Portesi, the daughter of Thomas Portesi and Lori McKinsey and a  
6 senior at LaSalle Academy, was named the Distinguished Young Woman of Rhode Island at a  
7 statewide event held on January 14, 2018. Participants were evaluated in the areas of Scholastics,  
8 Interview, Talent, Fitness, and Self-Expression; and

9 WHEREAS, Viansi plans to major in political science at the University of Alabama,  
10 where she has earned a four-year renewable, full-tuition scholarship from the Distinguished  
11 Young Women program. In addition, throughout the next year, she will represent our state at  
12 various functions and will serve as a role model to young people "by spreading the program's  
13 national outreach message of 'Be Your Best Self'"; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout its 60-year history, the recipients of this award have clearly  
15 demonstrated that they are making remarkable contributions to their communities and our state  
16 and deserve all the praise and appreciation that we can give them; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
18 hereby congratulates Viansa Portesi on being named the 2018 "Distinguished Young Woman" of  
19 Rhode Island and wishes her the very best at the 61st National Finals to become the Distinguished

1 Young Woman of America for 2018, to be held on June 28, 29, 30, in Mobile, Alabama; and be it  
2 further  
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Viansa Portesi.

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