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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING KEVIN STACOM, JOE HASSETT AND TRACY LIS FOR BEING
HONORED AS PART OF THE PROVIDENCE COLLEGE "FRIARS LEGENDS FOREVER
TRADITION"

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, and Algieri

Date Introduced: April 15, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The "Friars Legends Forever Tradition" began in 1996 as a way to honor
2 those basketball players who have made a significant impact on Friar basketball history. He or
3 she must have received national recognition during his or her basketball playing career at
4 Providence College; and

5 WHEREAS, The three honorees, Kevin Stacom, Joe Hassett and Tracy Lis, were honored
6 at a dinner held by the Providence College Athletic Department held at the Omni Hotel in
7 Downtown Providence. Additionally, the three were honored on January 25, 2014, at halftime of
8 the men's and women's basketball games that day. Banners with their names and numbers were
9 unveiled to a very appreciative audience; and

10 WHEREAS, Kevin Stacom, a native of Elmont, New York 1974, and a Providence
11 College graduate in 1974, transferred to Providence College from Holy Cross. Kevin was an
12 excellent shooter who scored 1,143 points in his playing career at Providence College. He had an
13 outstanding 52.7 field goal percentage, scored an average of 18.1 points per game, and shot a
14 superb 83.4 percent from the free throw line. Kevin, in his playing career at Providence College,
15 helped form one of the greatest threesomes in college basketball history, teaming up with Ernie
16 DiGregorio and Marvin Barnes to go 27-4 in the 1972-73 college basketball season and to
17 advance to the NCAA Final Four. For his outstanding play, Kevin Stacom was named to the
18 NCAA 1973 East Region All-Tournament Team. In his senior season, Kevin helped Providence
19 College to compile a stellar 28-4 record in the 1973-74 College Basketball season and a trip to the

1 NCAA Sweet Sixteen. As a senior, Kevin was named a Second Team All-American, First Team
2 All-ECAC, All-East and All-New England. In Kevin's two seasons playing basketball at
3 Providence College, the Friars compiled an astounding 55-8 record. Kevin was selected in the
4 second round of the 1974 NBA Draft by the Boston Celtics, and played six seasons in the
5 National Basketball Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Hassett, a native of Providence and a 1977 Providence College
7 graduate, was one of the greatest shooters to ever play for the Friars. He carried the nickname of
8 "Sonar" for his ability to consistently hit shots from long distance. Joe scored 1,828 points in his
9 illustrious career at Providence College, ranking sixth on the all-time scoring list. He is one of
10 only seven players in Providence College Basketball history to lead the Friars in scoring for three
11 consecutive seasons. He ranks second in career free throw percentage, compiling an 865 mark,
12 and he holds Providence College records for the single season free throw percentage mark, hitting
13 his free throws at a phenomenal 941 clip, and for making the most career field goals, with 840
14 made in 124 games. During Joe's playing days at Providence College, his teams compiled a
15 superb 93-31 record. Joe was a three-time All-New England selection from 1975 to 1977, a three-
16 time NABC All-District selection from 1975 to 1977, and a two-time All-East honoree. He was
17 an Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American selection in 1976, and a NABC Third-
18 Team All-American in 1977. Joe was selected in the third round of the 1977 NBA Draft by the
19 Seattle Supersonics. He played six seasons in the National Basketball Association and helped the
20 1979 Seattle Supersonics win the 1979 NBA championship; and

21 WHEREAS, Tracy Lis is a native of Cromwell, Connecticut and a 1992 Providence
22 College graduate. Tracy played basketball for the Providence College Women's basketball team
23 from 1988 to 1992, and is the program's all-time leading scorer, scoring an incredible 2,534
24 career points. She is the only Lady Friar to score more than 2,000 points in the history of the
25 program and also ranks fifth in career rebounding with 821 rebounds. In 1990, Tracy led
26 Providence College to the program's first Big East Tournament title and helped the team to
27 advance to the NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen. In 1991, she helped guide the program to its
28 highest ever national ranking in the Associated Press top 25 poll, placing 15th in the poll. Tracy
29 received the Big East Special Achievement Award and was named the ECAC Player of the Year.
30 She was also a two-time First Team All-Big East selection. In 2004, Tracy was one of 15 players
31 honored as a member of the Big East Conference Silver Anniversary Team. During her playing
32 career Providence College made four consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament, advanced to
33 the Big East Tournament Championship game three straight years and compiled an overall record
34 of 96-31. Tracy played professional basketball for the New England Blizzard in the American

1 Basketball League; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby congratulates Kevin Stacom, Joe Hassett and Tracy Lis for being honored as part of the
4 Providence College "Friars Legends Forever Tradition"; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Kevin Stacom, Joe Hassett and Tracy Lis.

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