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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING MEMBERS OF THE BISHOP HENDRICKEN
HIGH SCHOOL TEAM ON THEIR VICTORIES AT THE RHODE ISLAND AND
NATIONAL ACADEMIC DECATHLONS**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, and
McNamara

Date Introduced: May 28, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Academic Decathlon was co-founded by John Howell,
2 publisher of the Warwick Beacon, in 1983. This rigorous competition tests the brain power and
3 overall knowledge and thinking skills of high school entrants from across the state, in ten subject
4 areas ranging from Science to Art to Mathematics, as well as Economics, Social Science,
5 Interview, Language and Literature, Speech, and Essay Writing; and

6 WHEREAS, For the ninth consecutive year, the team from Bishop Hendricken High
7 School of Warwick, under the expert tutelage of their coach, Sister Carol Anne Murray, RSM,
8 took top honors, winning the 36th edition of the annual Decathlon. The school has competed in
9 all 36 competitions and has the distinction of being involved even before the start of a state
10 competition component; and

11 WHEREAS, The RI Academic State Decathlon Competition was held on March 10th and
12 included a state team competition and the award of Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals to distinguish
13 individuals for their outstanding achievements. Bishop Hendricken finished with 42,480 points,
14 more than 10,000 points ahead of second-place East Greenwich High School. This year marks the
15 11th state title for Hendricken; and

16 WHEREAS, Bishop Hendricken finished in Second Place in the Division III competition
17 of the National Decathlon Competition held in Bloomington, Minnesota on April 25th - 27th,
18 2019. The school's team won the Nationals in 2017 and has placed 2nd three out of the past four
19 years; and

1 WHEREAS, Bishop Hendricken High School team members include Timothy Moren
2 (Honors) who was the overall high scorer in the competition and earned a Gold in both Art and
3 Essay, Silver in both Mathematics and Literature, and a Bronze in Science; Logan Lemay
4 (Honors) who earned a Bronze in Interview; David Weekers (Honors) who earned a Bronze in
5 both Science and Art; Timothy Dziekan (Scholastic) who earned a Silver in Music; Xavier Lora
6 (Varsity); Jack O'Hara (Varsity) who earned a Bronze in Mathematics; Joseph D'Alfonso
7 (Scholastic) who earned a Bronze, in both Literature and Essay, and a Silver in Art; Jonas Kendra
8 (Scholastic) who earned a Silver in Mathematics; and Ryan Murphy (Varsity) who earned a
9 Bronze in three areas, Economics, Social Studies, and Interview; and

10 WHEREAS, It is essential and fitting to recognize our youth and to celebrate their
11 accomplishments. These distinguished future leaders of our state not only established their
12 academic prowess but also exemplify everything that young people can achieve, and they are
13 truly deserving of our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Bishop Hendricken team members and coach
16 and all the Award winners for their 9th straight victory at the Rhode Island Academic Decathlon
17 and their commendable 2nd Place finish at the National Competition. We moreover wish them
18 much happiness and success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sister Carol Anne Murray, RSM, Bishop
21 Hendricken High School.

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