WHEREAS, Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest Fraternity and follows three
great principles, Brotherly Love, Truth, and Charity; and
WHEREAS, The organization is composed of people from all walks of life and since its
inception, has provided support for many widows and orphans of Freemasons as well as others
within the community; and
WHEREAS, Charles L. Niles, Jr. was born on December 8, 1924, and for more than 65
years, has devotedly served the Masons in myriad capacities; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Niles began his illustrious service with the Masons serving as Master of
Charity Lodge #23 in 1953 and in 1973. In 1997, he was the Master of Franklin Lodge #20 in
Westerly, in 2005, he served as Master of Washington Lodge #5, and in 2018, he served as
Master of Adelphoi Lodge #33 in Riverside; and
WHEREAS, On a statewide level, Mr. Niles served as Grand High Priest of the Grand
Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in 2000-2001, and as High Priest
of York Rite Chapter, which is a grouping of separate Rites joined in order. In 2003, he was
named Grand Marshall of Masons for Rhode Island. He was also the Assistant Grand Lecturer of
the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the Past President of the Secretary Guild, and President of the
Candidate Forums; and
WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Niles twice served as Commander of the Narragansett
Commandery and three times as the Illustrious Master of the Narragansett Council; and
WHEREAS, Charles Niles possesses exceptional knowledge, enviable leadership skills, and devotion to service, and his accomplishments are eminently worthy of our recognition and congratulations; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby commends Charles L. Niles, Jr. on his sixty-five years of dedicated service to the Freemasons. We applaud his achievements and wish him the very best health and continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Charles L. Niles, Jr.