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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING EMILY RAIMONDI ON BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF RHODE ISLAND'S DISTINGUISHED HONOREES IN THE 24TH ANNUAL PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, and Picard

Date Introduced: March 14, 2019

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, presented by Prudential
2 Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors
3 young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to
4 serving their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, Emily Raimondi, a fifth-grader at Garvin Memorial School in Cumberland,
6 has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being selected as one of the
7 State Honorees for the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

8 WHEREAS, The recipients of this award clearly demonstrate that young people across
9 America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities and
10 deserve all the praise and appreciation that we can give them; and

11 WHEREAS, Emily earned this award by generously giving her time and energy
12 collecting gifts for children and low-income families and for homeless pets in an animal shelter.
13 She hosted a party at Christmastime for the Toys for Tots program and on her birthday, threw a
14 party asking friends to bring pet toys and food instead of presents; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition, over the course of four years, Emily has raised almost \$10,000
16 for the Travis Roy Foundation to help people with spinal injuries; and

17 WHEREAS, The names of more than 29,000 young people were submitted by various
18 schools and organizations across the country and are then reviewed by an independent panel. The
19 panel then selects the State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria including

1 personal initiative, effort, impact, and personal growth; and

2 WHEREAS, The success of the State of Rhode Island, the strength of our communities,
3 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of
4 young people like Emily Raimondi who use their considerable talents and resources to serve
5 others; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby congratulates Emily Raimondi on being selected as one of the 2019 Prudential Spirit of
8 Community Award State Honorees. We furthermore recognize and applaud her outstanding
9 record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extends our best wishes
10 for her continued success and happiness; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Emily Raimondi.

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