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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING SANDRA LAKE FOR HER MYRIAD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Metts, Lombardo, Conley, and Bell

Date Introduced: March 05, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Sandra Lake was born in San Pedro De Macoris, Dominican Republic. She
2 is a daughter of William Lake and Minerva Bautista, and the very proud mother of three
3 daughters, Glamirssy, Eivony, and Diandra; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Lake graduated from the East University of San Pedro, and earned a
5 Bachelor's in Education, and continuing her education, she received a Master of Science, Human
6 Services from Springfield College. She became a teacher, working in various public high
7 schools, and also served as a professor at a local university. In 1997, she received the prestigious
8 "Gully Award" for education excellence from the Lyons Club Santo Domingo Chapter, and in
9 1998, she received the teacher of the year award from the Central East University faculty of
10 Administrative Science and Systems; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1999, Ms. Lake moved to Rhode Island and shortly thereafter, founded
12 the Extraordinary Woman Award (EWA), which is presented annually to commemorate
13 International Women's Day; and

14 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Ms. Lake, the EWA program expanded, becoming
15 the Women's Development Institute (WDI) which creates conferences, workshops, and various
16 support programs designed to improve women's leadership and promote professional
17 development and personal enhancement by covering various topics that affect young Latino
18 women and potential community leaders; and

19 WHEREAS, The Institute, under the guidance of Ms. Lake, created and developed the
20 Extraordinary Women of the Future and Young Men of Value, a leadership program designed for

1 Latino teens with the aim of developing personal skills, confidence and leadership dexterity; and

2 WHEREAS, The Institute also established the Single Mother Annual Conference which
3 addresses the emotional struggles, and social and economic challenges of the single mother, and
4 Proactive Single Mothers which is a program to mentor and support single mothers; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2007, Ms. Lake was honored with distinguished recognition from the
6 Dominican Independent Award Committee in Rhode Island, and in 2009, she was the recipient of
7 the Excellence Award in the State of Rhode Island for community service. In 2014, she received
8 the Quetzal Award from The Guatemalan Center of New England and in 2019, she received the
9 Dr. Martin Luther King Special Award from the RI State Holiday Commission and Ebenezer
10 Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Sandra Lake is a woman of great faith and a true Latina leader, who
12 inspires, supports and fights for the betterment of her community and our society, and we are
13 proud to recognize her contributions; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby honors Sandra Lake for her myriad accomplishments, and wishes her much continued
16 success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Sandra Lake.

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