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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARY ANN CANTINO ON BEING
INDUCTED INTO THE COVENTRY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF
FAME

Introduced By: Representatives Guthrie, Tomasso, Nunes, and Serpa

Date Introduced: March 26, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Cantino has made an unprecedented contribution to Coventry
2 High School with her extraordinary service to the school's students, parents, teachers and
3 administrators; and

4 WHEREAS, Mary Ann attended North Cambridge Catholic High School in Cambridge,
5 MA, and received an Associate's Degree in Secretarial Sciences from Graham Junior College in
6 Boston, MA, in 1961. Upon graduation she was hired by the college and ran an office there for
7 the next five years. Graham Junior College awarded Mary Ann a Certificate of Merit upon
8 completion of her employment; and

9 WHEREAS, Mary Ann embarked on a new career when she began to work in a four-hour
10 position in the night school at the Coventry Career and Technical Center. In 1980, after three
11 years in this position, Mary Ann was hired by the Coventry Public Schools as a clerk in the
12 Middle School under then Principal Ed Lombardi; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mary Ann was transferred to Coventry High School to work with
14 Jim DiPrete. Mary Ann threw herself into the job of managing the office, handling parents and
15 students, and screening contacts for faculty and administration alike. In addition, through her
16 effective leadership and passion for Coventry High School, Mary Ann became a master of the
17 budget, helping the administration and staff to use the allocated funds effectively; and

18 WHEREAS, Mary Ann demonstrated her true value when Jim DiPrete decided to retire
19 in 1993. The next several years were punctuated by a litany of principals and vice principals

1 whose stay was too short. Through it all, Mary Ann embodied calm continuity. She knew the
2 parents, kids, and teachers and understood the budget inside and out; and

3 WHEREAS, Mary Ann served as the go-to person at Coventry High School. Providing
4 the stability needed to navigate through the rough waters, Mary Ann demonstrated diligence,
5 courage, skill, and stamina just when everyone needed it. Her sense of humor helped keep
6 problems in perspective. Without her skill and dedication, Coventry High School would have
7 been in disarray; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
9 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and commends Mary Ann Cantino on her induction
10 into the Coventry High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame for the extraordinary service she
11 has rendered to students, parents, teachers, and administrators; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mary Ann Cantino.

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