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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING AND CONGRATULATING MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND STATE
GRANGE ON THE 126TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Cool Rumsey, DiPalma, Hodgson, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: January 23, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The oldest national agriculture organization in the United States, the
2 National Grange, was established in 1867. Currently, there are 2,700 units, located in forty states,
3 with 200,000 active members, providing a vast array of services to agricultural and rural areas;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, One hundred twenty-six years ago, on March 18th of 1887, the first Rhode
6 Island Grange, consisting of thirty-one men and sixteen women, was formed in South
7 Kingstown. Within a year, fifteen additional Granges, with a membership of 514, had formed
8 across the state; and

9 WHEREAS, On November 10th of 1887, the Rhode Island State Grange was duly
10 organized, holding its first annual meeting at Blackstone Hall in Providence. Present were
11 twenty-four delegates, representing the first 15 organized Subordinate Granges; and

12 WHEREAS, Currently, Rhode Island has twenty Subordinate and four Pomona Granges
13 across the state. Since its inception, Grange members participated in a panoply of worthwhile
14 community service projects, including the purchase of Watson Farm and later, with land grant
15 funds, an Agricultural School that became part of the institution we today know as the University
16 of Rhode Island; and

17 WHEREAS, Members of the Rhode Island Grange have a passionate commitment to the
18 Grange and to their communities. Their myriad altruistic endeavors have distinguished the
19 Grange as an organization worthy of our utmost admiration and gratitude; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby celebrates and congratulates members of the Rhode Island State Grange on the 126th
3 Anniversary of this fine organization's founding. We furthermore commend Grange members for
4 their many contributions to the betterment of our state; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Stephen Logan, Master/President of the
7 Rhode Island State Grange.

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