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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

**HONORING SENATOR DAVID E. BATES FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, Paiva Weed, Hodgson, Ruggerio, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: June 20, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, To the immense good fortune of the people of the Town of Barrington,
2 David E. Bates chose a life path that incorporated both his aspirations and his extensive aptitude
3 for public service; and

4 WHEREAS, David Bates earned his Bachelor's degree in English from the University of
5 Massachusetts at Amherst. His employment experience includes working as a claims adjuster
6 and Supervisor for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, as a Marketing Representative for the
7 Reliance Insurance Company, and currently, as the President and Marketing Representative for
8 the A. N. Nunes Insurance Agency; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Bates began his public service to the people of Barrington as a
10 member of the Barrington Planning Board in 1970. He subsequently won a seat on the Barrington
11 Town Council, where he served for the next decade, presiding over the Council for four years as
12 President; and

13 WHEREAS, In November of 1992, the Honorable David E. Bates was elected to the
14 Rhode Island Senate. He currently represents District 32 and serves as the Deputy Leader of the
15 Republican Caucus. In addition, he is the Secretary of the Senate Committee on Special
16 Legislation & Veterans' Affairs, and is a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce
17 Member, the Senate Committee on Environment & Agriculture, the Senate Committee on
18 Finance, and the Senate Committee on Rules; and

19 WHEREAS, In his eleven terms as a State Senator, the Honorable David Bates was the

1 driving force behind many important pieces of legislation, including initiatives to protect children
2 from predators; landmark legislation enabling the collection of DNA samples from perpetrators of
3 violent crimes; and eliminating the master lever option from elections, to name just a few. He was
4 also essential in helping the Senate understand the intricacies of complex insurance regulations;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Actively involved in a panoply of community and professional
7 organizations, Senator Bates is a member of the Barrington Republican Town Committee and the
8 Independent Insurance Agents of America. He also served as Past President and is a member of
9 the Independent Insurance Agents of Rhode Island and Bristol Rotary Club; and

10 WHEREAS, A truly valued member of the Rhode Island Senate, the Honorable David
11 Bates' has consistently demonstrated an abiding dedication to serving the best interests of his
12 constituents. His leadership and tireless devotion to the citizens of the Ocean State have earned
13 him our unqualified admiration and respect, and he will most assuredly be missed; now, therefore
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby joins the family and many friends of Senator David Bates in recognizing and celebrating
17 his inspirational career of service to the people of the State of Rhode Island. We, moreover, wish
18 the Honorable David Bates continued success, happiness and fulfillment in all his future
19 endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable David E. Bates.

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