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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JUDITH A. LUNDSTEN, CRANSTON SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF DEVOTED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CRANSTON

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Lima, McNamara, Handy, and Jacquard

Date Introduced: April 29, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Judith A. Lundsten is retiring as the Cranston School Superintendent after 2 thirty-three years of dedicated service to the citizens and students of the City of Cranston. She 3 served twenty-five of those years as an educator, teaching the visually impaired, and later served as a Teacher Leader, Principal, Executive Director of Educational Programs & Services, Assistant 4 5 Superintendent, and finally, as Superintendent; and WHEREAS, Ms. Lundsten attained a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from 6 7 the State University College at Oneonta, New York, a Master's degree in Special Education from Vanderbilt University, and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Johnson & Wales University; 8 9 and 10 WHEREAS, Ms. Lundsten was chosen to be the Superintendent of the Cranston Public 11 Schools in 2012. She inherited this position during a tumultuous time with the district facing 12 budget shortages and future debt repayment obligations. Confronting this difficult task, she was 13 able to find consensus-building solutions and her compassionate and soft-spoken leadership style 14 was widely admired by the constituency she served. Ms. Lundsten will leave big shoes to fill and 15 her grace and extraordinary leadership skills will be sorely missed by the entire Cranston 16 community; now, therefore be it 17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and 18 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Judith A. Lundsten on her retirement as the Cranston

School Superintendent after thirty-three years of devoted and exemplary service to the citizens of

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- 2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Judith A. Lundsten.

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