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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

HONORING NOLAN BYRNE, R.N., ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, McKiernan, Almeida, Craven, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 25, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Nursing requires tremendous compassion, competence, and caring,
2 resultantly, it was totally suited to the talents and sensibilities of Nolan Byrne. She is a board
3 certified nurse care manager and has a certificate in Gerontology; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Byrne started her career with the state in 1989, but she had already
5 spent many years in various components of the health care delivery system. Her earliest days as a
6 nurse were as the Infection Control Nurse at Zambarano Hospital. She has also worked at
7 Landmark Hospital, the Department of Health, Harvard Pilgrim Health Plan and United Health
8 Care; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2000, Ms. Byrne joined the staff of the Executive Office of Health and
10 Human Services (EOHHS) where she has spent the past 16 years in a variety of roles, but always
11 ensuring that the families, elders and disabled Medicaid recipients she worked with received all
12 the services that were available to them. Her colleagues at EOHHS have often commented that if
13 they ever needed a health care advocate, they would choose her; and

14 WHEREAS, During her tenure at EOHHS, Ms. Byrne's many roles included managing
15 the Katie Beckett Program, serving as the Nurse Manager for the Rite @ Home Program and
16 helping ensure participants in the Communities of Care Program received all their needed
17 medications. She also served as the EOHHS designated contact to solve any concerns raised by
18 public officials such as Congressional Representatives, General Assembly members or the
19 Governor's Office; and

20 WHEREAS, Throughout the course of her career, Nurse Byrne has particularly enjoyed

1 working with the elderly and disabled. She possesses an innate ability to solve all problems, big
2 and small and has always gone above and beyond to learn what her clients needed and to make
3 sure those needs were met; and

4 WHEREAS, Nolan Byrne, R.N. has had a long and rewarding career in helping ensure
5 Rhode Islanders get the best possible health care and her service to the people of this state is
6 eminently worthy of our gratitude and recognition; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes and honors Nolan Byrne, R.N. on the occasion of her
9 retirement. We thank her for all her efforts, and wish her good health, fulfillment and much
10 success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Nolan Byrne, R.N.

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