

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING SHEILA MULLOWNEY ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS
EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE NEWPORT DAILY NEWS

Introduced By: Senator M. Teresa Paiva Weed

Date Introduced: May 10, 2016

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Sheila Mullooney, executive editor of the Edward A. Sherman Publishing
2 Co. since 2006, is retiring after fifteen years of informing and educating the people of Aquidneck
3 Island in her various journalistic capacities; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Mullooney grew up in Western New York. When her high school
5 began publishing a student newspaper, her future unfolded and by senior year, she was the paper's
6 co-editor-in-chief. She attended Syracuse University on a newspaper journalism scholarship and
7 upon graduation, began working for a chain of weekly newspapers in Queens, New York; and

8 WHEREAS, A chance encounter on a beach at Matunuck, while visiting a friend in
9 Rhode Island, eventually led to a marriage proposal and relocation to the Ocean State. Sheila and
10 her husband, Stephen Mullooney, who was originally from North Kingstown, now make their
11 home in Middletown; and

12 WHEREAS, After marrying and moving, Ms. Mullooney's preliminary attempts to find
13 employment in Rhode Island proved difficult but she soon landed a position with The Norwich
14 Bulletin, a daily Connecticut newspaper, where she gained experience as a reporter, copy editor,
15 bureau chief and assistant city editor; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1999, she once again began to search for a job closer to home, and to the
17 immense benefit of the citizenry of Aquidneck Island, she became a copy editor at The Daily
18 News. As a result of her tireless energy, meticulous attention to detail, and an understanding and
19 the ability to cover any job in the newsroom, she was soon named city editor, and shortly

1 thereafter, managing editor; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2006, Ms. Mallowney was named executive editor of the Edward A.
3 Sherman Publishing Co., with responsibilities that included oversight of the editorial operations
4 for The Daily News and its sister publications Newport Life Magazine, Mercury, The
5 Independent and South County Life Magazine; and

6 WHEREAS, During Ms. Mallowney's tenure at The Daily News, the newspaper industry
7 morphed with the explosion of internet and an increasingly digital world, but she determinately
8 and successfully kept the paper on pace and current with innovations and a commitment to
9 comprehensive local news coverage; and

10 WHEREAS, Turning the page on a new chapter of her life, Sheila Mallowney has taken a
11 position as a communications specialist for ICI Services Corp., where she will write and edit for
12 Soundings, a monthly publication focused on the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and the Naval
13 Surface Warfare Center. And although she is leaving The Newport Daily News, she will
14 continue to be a contributing and vital part of the Aquidneck Island community she loves so
15 much; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
17 hereby congratulates Sheila Mallowney on her new position with ICI Services Corp., and thanks
18 her on behalf of all Rhode Islanders for her eloquent and informative journalism and editorial
19 leadership with The Daily News. We moreover commend her for her many accomplishments, and
20 wish her the very best health and continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sheila Mallowney.

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