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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY CROSS PARISH IN
CENTRAL FALLS

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Lombardi, Felag, Algieri, and Coyne

Date Introduced: May 03, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, is a member of the Polish National
2 Catholic Church. Its first organizational meeting occurred on December 19, 1917, under the
3 spiritual guidance and leadership provided by Reverend. R.L. Zawistowski, the church's first
4 Pastor. The first Parish Mass was celebrated on February 17, 1918, and the parish community
5 moved into their church at 320 High Street in Central Falls in May of 1919; and

6 WHEREAS, In the beginning, only the first story of the church was completed and was
7 partitioned into three sections, a worship space, an auditorium, and a kitchen. In 1935, the second
8 story of church building was completed, and in 1949, the interior of the church itself was
9 completed. All of the renovations and additions were much needed to help the parish serve the
10 needs of its growing and thriving parish community; and

11 WHEREAS, For the last 100 years, Holy Cross Parish has been a vital and integral part
12 of the Central Falls community. In addition to offering the Holy Sacrifice of Mass and other
13 worship services, marrying people, baptizing children and comforting the sick and dying, Holy
14 Cross Parish is also committed to making a difference within the community and bringing God's
15 love and blessings to all in need of a helping hand. Some of their charitable endeavors include
16 Operation Christmas Child, collecting and distributing Thanksgiving baskets, a winter clothing
17 drive, a Souper Bowl of Caring outreach program, and a 40 days-40 items program to help the
18 needy; and

19 WHEREAS, Holy Cross Parish has been especially blessed through the years by having

1 an abundance of dedicated parishioners. In particular, the parish has a very active ladies society
2 and a vibrant youth community involved in numerous activities at the local, diocesan and national
3 levels. Holy Cross Parish has hosted many seniorate, diocesan and national church events and, in
4 1995, had the honor of hosting the opening Mass at the General Convention for its sister
5 organization, the Polish National Union of America; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby joyously celebrates the 100th Anniversary of Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Father Robert Nemkovich, Pastor, Holy Cross
11 Parish, Central Falls.

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