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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING SENATOR PAUL W. FOGARTY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, and Gallo

Date Introduced: June 22, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to our good friend and colleague
2 Senator Paul W. Fogarty, who is retiring from the Rhode Island Senate, District 23, after twenty
3 years of devoted public service to his constituents and the citizens of the State of Rhode Island;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Fogarty comes from a family dedicated to public service. He is the
6 son of the late former state Senator Charles J. Fogarty, Sr. He is the brother of former Senator and
7 former Lt. Governor Charles J. Fogarty, and the nephew of the late former Congressman John E.
8 Fogarty; and

9 WHEREAS, The Honorable Paul Fogarty was first elected to the Gloucester Town
10 Council and served as President from 1997-1998. In 1998, he successfully ran for the State
11 Senate District 27 seat, which in 2003 became District 23, representing constituencies in the
12 towns of Burrillville, Gloucester, and North Smithfield; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Fogarty has been the Chair of the Senate Committee on Labor since
14 2009. Respectful of the time given by members of the public who come to testify and his
15 colleagues on the committee, he likes to run efficient committee meetings. Senator Fogarty is also
16 a Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, and he formerly served as Deputy Majority
17 Leader; and

18 WHEREAS, A staunch advocate for the preservation of freshwater lakes, Senator
19 Fogarty worked with the Save The Lakes organization to pass legislation to combat invasive

1 freshwater plants, and to provide increased oversight of freshwater lakes, streams and ponds to
2 the Department of Environmental Management; and

3 WHEREAS, A strong supporter of the military and veterans, he sponsored the Rhode
4 Island Military Family Relief Fund, which provides assistance to the families of Rhode Island
5 service members; and

6 WHEREAS, A supporter of designating the Oliver Hazard Perry as our state's official
7 educational ship, Senator Fogarty also recognizes that those seeking true luxury aboard a water-
8 faring vessel need look no further than northwest Rhode Island. There, an opulent pontoon boat,
9 loaded with senators, once circled the vast expanse of Waterman Lake, searching for non-native
10 plant species and offering a first-hand lesson on why reflective markers should be required on all
11 docks; and

12 WHEREAS, Consistently putting his District's interests first, Senator Fogarty has been in
13 the forefront of the fight against the Burrillville power plant proposal, and has worked for
14 additional state aid to local schools, and fighting for the needs of Zambarano Hospital and its
15 patients. Senator Fogarty was so devoted to Zambarano Hospital and its patients that he enlisted
16 the direct assistance of his colleagues to ensure the provision of quality services to patients; and

17 WHEREAS, No one was more devoted to his community than Senator Fogarty, who
18 regularly fought to maintain RIPTA bus service to the remote woodland he represents, worked
19 together with local officials such as Dot Sliney to advance important legislation, and once
20 brought to bear the full might of the local police chief to capture a lost sheep; and

21 WHEREAS, A graduate of LaSalle Academy, Senator Fogarty is employed as a licensed
22 master plumber. He is married to Nancy and together they have raised three sons, Patrick,
23 Brendan, and Daniel; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Fogarty's leadership and tireless devotion to the citizens of the
25 Ocean State have earned him our unqualified admiration and respect, and he will most assuredly
26 be missed; now, therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
28 hereby honors Senator Paul W. Fogarty as he concludes his service in the Rhode Island Senate.
29 We thank him for a job well done, and extend our sincere wishes for his continued health,
30 happiness and success; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
32 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Paul W. Fogarty.

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