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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH RUSSILLO ON BEING NAMED THE 2020 RHODE ISLAND "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, Lombardo, Ruggerio, Metts, and Algieri

Date Introduced: June 25, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Russillo, an exceptionally dedicated and innovative educator,
2 received the prestigious honor of being named the 2020 Rhode Island "Teacher of the Year." This
3 recognition is a momentous tribute to an exceptional individual who has had a significant and
4 profound impact on the lives of her students through her extraordinary commitment to education;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, One might say that Mrs. Russillo was destined to be a teacher. Her father,
7 who had taught for more than 40 years, instilled her with a deep appreciation for the profession,
8 and following in his footsteps, she joined the faculty in the science department at Smithfield High
9 School as a chemistry teacher in 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, For the past seventeen years, Mrs. Russillo has creatively led her students
11 through the wonder and intricacies of science. She currently chairs the high school's science
12 department and in 2018, in recognition of her outstanding dedication, she was named Smithfield
13 Teacher of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Russillo's genuine love of teaching has not only helped hundreds of
15 children to succeed, but has been an inspiration to colleagues and a tremendous asset to the
16 school community, where she has served as an adviser to the student council, is an instructional
17 coach with the Highlander Institute and a tennis coach, and regularly writes about the teaching
18 profession; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Russillo makes her home in the Town of Johnston with her husband,

1 Steve, who is also a teacher, and their children, Gabriella and Brooklyn; and

2 WHEREAS, As the Rhode Island Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Russillo will enter the
3 competition for National Teacher of the Year in Washington, D.C., and will serve as an
4 ambassador to teachers across Rhode Island, and participate in "space camp" next summer; now,
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby recognizes and congratulates Elizabeth Russillo on the prestigious honor of being named
8 the 2020 Rhode Island "Teacher of the Year." We extend our best wishes for her continued
9 success, good health and happiness; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Elizabeth Russillo.

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