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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DR. SABRINA ANTONELLI ON BEING NAMED THE 2023
"ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR" BY THE RHODE ISLAND
ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Introduced By: Senators LaMountain, F. Lombardi, Felag, Lauria, Britto, Gu, Picard,
Gallo, Ruggiero, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: June 13, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, "The future," in the wise words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "belongs to those who
2 believe in the beauty of their dreams." Since taking the helm in July of 2018, Dr. Sabrina
3 Antonelli, Principal of Norwood Elementary School, has inspired her staff and the school's
4 students to envision the possibilities and to believe that they can build a future full of promise;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In preparation for a career she had not originally thought would be her path,
7 but one that she was absolutely destined for, Principal Antonelli attended Rhode Island College,
8 where a career aptitude test led to her attaining her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education
9 and Mathematics. She had previously attended the Community College of Rhode Island where
10 she earned an Associate's degree in General Studies, and later attained a Master's degree from
11 Brown University in ESL and Cross Cultural Studies, and ultimately a Doctor of Education
12 (Ed.D.), in Educational Leadership and Administration from Johnson & Wales University; and

13 WHEREAS, To the very good fortune of students at Norwood Elementary School in
14 Warwick, Dr. Antonelli was named Principal in 2018. She had previously been Principal at
15 Randall Holden Elementary in Warwick and had taught in the Providence Public Schools for
16 thirteen years in various positions. In addition, for the past five years, she has also been a
17 Professor at Roger Williams University; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Antonelli is held in the highest regard by both faculty and students who
19 "widely noted that Dr. Antonelli made them feel like leaders." She has developed numerous

1 programs to instill students with responsibility and life skills including student council, student
2 safety patrols, a recess buddy program, and an in-class drama education program; and

3 WHEREAS, Principal Antonelli is a true and proven champion of education. She is a
4 tremendous asset to Norwood Elementary School and the entire school community, and her
5 genuine love of learning has already helped hundreds of children to succeed, and will surely
6 continue to inspire us all; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates Dr.
8 Sabrina Antonelli on the prestigious honor of being named the 2023 "Principal of the Year" by
9 the Rhode Island Association of School Principals. We wish her the very best of health,
10 happiness, and 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 Dr. Sabrina Antonelli.

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