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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING LANDMARK MEDICAL CENTER PRESIDENT AND CEO
RICHARD R. CHAREST FOR BEING SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE WOONSOCKET
ROTARY CLUB'S VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Introduced By: Senators Cote, and Picard

Date Introduced: March 05, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Richard R. Charest, a native of northern Rhode Island with a Bachelor of
2 Science degree in Pharmacy from Northeastern University and a Master's degree in Business
3 Administration in Healthcare and Administration, has devoted much of his life in the fight to
4 ensure that the people living in the Blackstone Valley have decent access to high quality
5 healthcare; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Charest is a proven leader with vast experience in the pharmaceutical
7 and health care industries, having previously run the pharmacy at Fogarty Hospital in North
8 Smithfield, now Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island, and having later run the combined
9 pharmacy operation at Landmark after the merger of Fogarty and the former Woonsocket
10 Hospital into one organization. He has also been the President of Landmark Medical Center since
11 2007 and has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Rhode Island;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, When Landmark Medical Center was in danger of closing due to the poor
14 economy and the difficult challenges currently facing healthcare providers, it was natural that Mr.
15 Charest would step forward and take a leadership role in the effort to save Landmark by finding a
16 suitable partner. He worked tirelessly and vigorously to save the Landmark Medical Center and
17 eventually was able to convince Prime Healthcare to partner with Landmark; and

18 WHEREAS, The merger of Prime Healthcare and Landmark Medical Center's services
19 will ensure that the people of the Blackstone Valley will continue to have access to high-quality

1 healthcare and pharmaceutical services. This merger will make Landmark part of one of the top
2 13 hospital networks in the country and become a reality in large part because of the high regard
3 and esteem in which Richard R. Charest is held by his peers and colleagues, not only in Rhode
4 Island but amongst healthcare observers throughout the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Charest also spends much of his time serving his community in support
6 of various charitable endeavors. He currently serves as a governing member of the Rhode Island
7 Chapter of the American Heart Association, is a member of the Hospital Association of Rhode
8 Island Board of Trustees, and as an advisory board member at St. Antoine Residence. He has also
9 held board appointments at the Rhode Island Blood Center, the Rhode Island Drug Utilization
10 Review Board, the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy, and the Visiting Nurse Service of
11 Woonsocket; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby congratulates Richard R. Charest for receiving the Woonsocket Rotary Club's Vocational
14 Service Award. We thank him for his many years of service to the Blackstone Valley community
15 and for all he has done to improve the quality of life and healthcare in that community; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Richard R. Charest.

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