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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING BARBARA AND JIMMY WINTERS ON BEING SELECTED AS 2014  
NEWPORT DAILY NEWS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, DiPalma, Ottiano, and Felag

Date Introduced: April 09, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Newport Daily News established a "Community Service Award" in  
2 1996 on the paper's 150th Anniversary celebration in order to recognize and encourage  
3 volunteerism within the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Chosen from a field of nominees submitted by the community, Jimmy  
5 Winters, a member of the Newport Police Department working in its Community Oriented Police  
6 Division, and his lovely wife, Barbara, a former member of the Board of Tenant Affairs and of  
7 the Newport School Committee, and a certified nurse, were selected as two of the 2014 recipients  
8 of this prestigious award for their efforts as founders of the Housing Hotline and for their  
9 commitment to the community and those in need; and

10 WHEREAS, Longtime residents of the City-by-the-Sea, the Winterses have consistently  
11 and selflessly given their time, talents, and energies to myriad of causes and organizations  
12 benefitting the citizenry of the City of Newport and Aquidneck Island; and

13 WHEREAS, The couple's work with the Housing Hotline has provided shelter to  
14 countless individuals who would otherwise have nowhere to turn and deals with issues such as  
15 evictions, housing disputes, and utility problems, to name but a few. In addition, Mr. Winters'  
16 amazing voice has benefitted various causes through the sale of CDs he has recorded, and his  
17 work volunteering on the Community Housing of Resource Board was instrumental in monitoring  
18 the Fair Housing Act in the community as well as the local Board of Realtors; and

19 WHEREAS, The Winterses meeting was a presage to the life they would lead together.

1 The two of them were VISTA volunteers in the 70s when Jimmy's mother introduced them to  
2 each other. Since their marriage in 1978, they have continued to help the community throughout  
3 their more than three and a half decades of marriage. In addition to the couple's work with the  
4 hotline and membership in various civic and community organizations, the Winterses have raised  
5 five children and are now the proud grandparents of ten grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Jimmy and Barbara are always happy to lend a hand. As a couple or  
7 sometimes on separate crusades, they not only support each other, but also, a panoply of altruistic  
8 endeavors and organizations. Their devotion and commitment to the community is well known,  
9 and their generosity of spirit is inspiring. They have earned the unqualified admiration and  
10 respect of so many people in the community and they are true role models for us all; now,  
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
13 hereby congratulates and honors Jimmy and Barbara Winters on being selected as two of the  
14 2014 Newport Daily News Community Service Award winners. We wish them good health,  
15 much happiness, and continued success in all their endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Jimmy and Barbara Winters.

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