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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE ALPHA RHO CHAPTER OF TAU KAPPA EPSILON IN
RECOGNITION OF THEIR INSTALLATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator David E. Bates

Date Introduced: April 30, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity was founded on January 10, 1899, at
2 Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Illinois. It currently has over 270 active chapters
3 and colonies throughout the United States and Canada. Throughout its distinguished history,
4 approximately 260,000 men have been members, including United States President Ronald
5 Reagan; and

6 WHEREAS, Tau Kappa Epsilon can be most proud of the fact that it has never allowed
7 discrimination in its recruitment practices against race, religion or national origin, even during
8 periods in American history when such practices were legal and accepted by large sections of the
9 American public; and

10 WHEREAS, The Alpha Rho Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon has recently been established
11 at the University of Rhode Island and in its short existence it has already made its presence
12 known on campus and in the community through its charitable work and fundraising; and

13 WHEREAS, Some of their notable charitable events have included hosting a fundraiser
14 for the One Fund in response to the Boston Marathon bombing, raising over \$1,000 for St. Jude's
15 Children's Hospital, volunteering in support of the Holy Ground Tabernacle Soup Kitchen in
16 Providence, raising over \$ 1,000 in the "Run for Reagan" fundraiser to fight Alzheimer's disease,
17 and raising over \$ 3,500 in support of Habitat for Humanity. Altogether, the Alpha Rho Chapter
18 of Tau Kappa Epsilon has contributed over 1,000 hours of community service in 2013, and has
19 thus far in 2014 contributed over 500 hours of service in the community, supporting various

1 cleanup projects and aiding numerous soup kitchens. They have proven to be a positive presence
2 on the University of Rhode Island campus and have become a vital contributor to many charitable
3 enterprises within their community; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby congratulates the Alpha Rho Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon in recognition of their
6 installation at the University of Rhode Island; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the President of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Tau
9 Kappa Epsilon, Phillip Ricciotti.

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