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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 22, 2014, TO BE "MANUFACTURING DAY" IN RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Picard, Ottiano, Lombardi, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: May 22, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Slater Mill, a wooden building completed in 1793 for the
2 purpose of manufacturing cotton yarn by waterpower, revolutionized industry in America. It
3 became the first successful factory in the United States and made Rhode Island the birthplace of
4 the Industrial Revolution; and

5 WHEREAS, Manufacturing currently accounts for about 7.6 percent of the total
6 economic output for the State of Rhode Island, and employs approximately 40,000 people which
7 accounts for about 8.8 percent of the state's workforce. Total manufacturing output in Rhode
8 Island is approximately 4 billion dollars and compensation for a manufacturing job in Rhode
9 Island is close to 37 percent higher than for nonfarm jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, Manufacturing jobs today are not the same low skill jobs of the past.
11 Manufacturing jobs currently require people who are highly skilled, educated, innovative
12 thinkers, and able to adapt to rapidly changing technology and learning how to use new
13 equipment at a rapid pace; and

14 WHEREAS, The manufacturing sector of an economy is often a leading indicator of the
15 relative strength or weakness of the economy at large. It is a vital component of a prosperous,
16 diverse and thriving economy. Manufacturing in Rhode Island is currently prospering and
17 growing and we should do all we can to ensure that manufacturing remains a thriving part of the
18 state's economy; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
20 hereby proclaims May 22, 2014, to be "Manufacturing Day" in Rhode Island; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. David M. Chenevert, President, Swissline
3 Precision Mfg.Inc.

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