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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PAWTUCKET SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT MS. PATRICIA
DICENSO ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER AN EXEMPLARY PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Cano, Conley, Ruggerio, and Gallo

Date Introduced: June 12, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Patricia “Patti” DiCenso began her distinguished education career
2 thirty-five years ago as a teacher, and later as a guidance counselor, with the Johnston Public
3 School Department. Ms. DiCenso’s significant leadership abilities and attention to detail were
4 quickly noticed by her peers and superiors, and she eventually was offered a position as a
5 Principal’s Intern (Principals Residency Network) in 2001 at North Kingstown High School; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2002, Ms. DiCenso became an Assistant Principal in North Kingstown.
7 In 2005 she became the Principal of Rogers High School and, in honor and recognition of her
8 tireless service and innovative approach to management, she received the 2010 Principal of the
9 Year Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. DiCenso first came to Pawtucket to serve as a Strategic Officer, and
11 went on to become the Pawtucket Superintendent of Schools. Under her direction and guidance,
12 Pawtucket’s high school graduation rates increased by thirty percent. She also instituted full-day
13 pre-K programs, invested millions of dollars to enhance school buildings, fully renovated two
14 elementary schools, and established a dual-language immersion program. She was also a tireless
15 supporter of career and technical education, and supported programs that gave students the
16 opportunity to earn college credits through advanced placement classes in the high schools; now,
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode and Providence Plantations hereby
19 congratulates Patricia DiCenso on her retirement as the Superintendent of the Pawtucket School

1 Department after more than thirty-five years of distinguished and meritorious service as a public
2 servant and educator; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Patricia DiCenso.

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