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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING THE PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND ON
BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT RHODE ISLAND IN THE 57TH PRESIDENTIAL
INAUGURAL PARADE**

Introduced By: Senators Ottiano, Paiva Weed, Archambault, Picard, and Walaska

Date Introduced: January 08, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Americans still believe that our nation is the land of opportunity where all
2 dreams can come true. For the Principal, Band Director, and members of the Portsmouth High
3 School Marching Band and Color Guard, that dream has come true, with their selection to
4 represent the Ocean State in the Presidential Inaugural Parade, to be held in Washington, D.C., on
5 January 21st of 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, Considered to be a great achievement and honor, this once-in-a-lifetime
7 opportunity was extended to the student musicians in December of 2012, after Inaugural staff
8 members took notice of the band during its march in the National Cherry Blossom Festival in
9 April of 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, High school bands provide students with the opportunity to participate in
11 rewarding music programs that enhance their overall educational experience and oftentimes
12 create life-long memories. Meeting at the Pentagon early on the morning of the parade and
13 following a one and a half-mile route down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House, led by the
14 President and Vice President, will certainly be an event to remember and cherish; and

15 WHEREAS, One hundred and fifty-seven students, along with Portsmouth High School
16 Band Director, Ted Rausch, Principal, Robert Littlefield, Assistant Band Director/Drum Line
17 Instructor, Tim Marum, members of the school's Color Guard, and Dance Team Instructor, Lisa
18 Mailloux, will experience a momentous achievement that very few people would even dare to
19 imagine, and we are proud to honor their triumph; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby congratulates the Portsmouth High School Marching Band on being selected to represent
3 Rhode Island in the 57th Presidential Inaugural Parade. We furthermore wish them good health
4 and much success; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Ted Rausch, Portsmouth High School Band
7 Director, and Robert Littlefield, Portsmouth High School Principal.

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