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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JOSEPH R. URGO ON BEING NAMED PRESIDENT OF SAINT
MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

Introduced By: Senator Frank A. Ciccone

Date Introduced: February 10, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, On March 26th of 2011, Joseph R. Uργο will be inaugurated as the 6th
2 President of St. Mary's College of Maryland; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of Hartford, Connecticut, Mr. Uργο laid the foundation for a future
4 replete with promise and unbounded potential. He attained his bachelor's degree from Haverford
5 College, his master's degree from Wesleyan University, and a master's degree and Ph.D from
6 Brown University; and

7 WHEREAS, Residing in Cranston for fifteen years, Mr. Uργο was a teaching fellow
8 while attending Brown from 1983 until 1985, and was a member of the Bryant College faculty for
9 eleven years. He held a Fulbright lectureship in Spain and had taught as an Andrew W. Mellon
10 Fellow and assistant professor at Vanderbilt University. He also served as a professor and Chair
11 of the English Department at the University of Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Uργο's successes haven't simply been the result of good fortune, but
13 have moreover been due to his immense talents, intellectual aptitude, and focus. He has
14 published six books, as well as co-editing numerous others, and he currently serves as the Chief
15 Academic Officer at Hamilton College in New York; and

16 WHEREAS, Earning the respect of his colleagues and higher education community, Mr.
17 Uργο has been honored with the Bryant College Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty
18 Award and a \$100,000 scholarship endowment in his honor; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Uργο is a paradigm of the very best leadership qualities and he is

1 eminently worthy of our praise and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby congratulates Joseph Urgo on being inaugurated as President of Saint Mary's College of
4 Maryland. We furthermore wish him continued success, fulfillment, and good health; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Joseph R. Urgo.

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