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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING STEVEN MORRONE ON BEING SELECTED AS RHODE ISLAND'S
2009-2010 "OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR PRINCIPAL"

Introduced By: Senators Algieri, and Maher

Date Introduced: March 01, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, "The future," in the wise words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "belongs to those
2 who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Since taking the helm in August of 2009, Steven
3 Morrone, Principal of Ashaway Elementary School, has inspired his staff and the school's
4 students to envision the possibilities and to believe that they can build a future full of promise;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Principal Morrone is credited with transforming science education at
7 Ashaway Elementary School. In his first year as principal, he adopted a "common science
8 vocabulary," empowered students to feel confident about their science writing, and began
9 publishing a tri-yearly student science journal. These efforts produced significant and tangible
10 improvements. The student's New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) test scores
11 in science amazingly rose from 42 percent to 75 percent proficiency in one year; and

12 WHEREAS, Described as a "mentor, a listener, a doer, and a builder of consensus among
13 staff members," Principal Morrone has engaged and motivated both staff and students and has
14 given parents the security of feeling safe leaving their children in the school's capable hands; and

15 WHEREAS, Principal Morrone, a Westerly native, has also implemented a "school data
16 wall," a student good deeds recognition program, and a school garden that produced 52 pounds of
17 food for a local shelter; and

18 WHEREAS, Principal Morrone is a true and proven champion of education. He is a
19 tremendous asset to Ashaway Elementary School and the entire school community. His genuine

1 love of learning has already helped hundreds of children to succeed, and will surely continue to
2 inspire us all; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby congratulates Steven Morrone on the prestigious honor of being named the “Outstanding
5 First Year Principal” for 2009-2010 by the Rhode Island Association of School Principals. We
6 wish him the very best of health, happiness, and success in all his future endeavors; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Steven Morrone.

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