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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING KENNETH J. BURKE UPON ACHIEVING THE PROVIDENCE  
ENGINEERING SOCIETY'S 2015 HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 25, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Individual volunteerism within our cities and towns is an essential and  
2 valued quality that helps bind communities, organizations, and people together; and

3           WHEREAS, Individuals who volunteer often become role models for our youth, adding  
4 value to everyday life and setting worthy examples for others to follow; and

5           WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Burke is a professional engineer who has practiced his expertise  
6 in both the private and public engineering sectors, and is currently serving as the General  
7 Manager of the Rhode Island Water Resources Board; and

8           WHEREAS, Ken has been recognized by the Providence Engineering Society, the  
9 country's oldest professional engineering society, as their 2015 Humanitarian of the Year, an  
10 award which is worthy of praise and acknowledgement; and

11           WHEREAS, Immersing himself in community volunteerism, Ken has coached youth  
12 soccer and basketball teams in South County, served on the Butler Hospital Community  
13 Development Committee, chaired the Board of Directors for the Welcome House of South  
14 County, volunteered as a career speaker for the College Crusade of Rhode Island, mentored for  
15 the Year Up Providence program, served on the South Kingstown Affordable Housing  
16 Collaborative, volunteered for the Peace Dale and Wakefield merchants associations, as well as  
17 numerous additional efforts; and

18           WHEREAS, Ken remains committed to continuing his service to his community, and his  
19 altruism stands as a testament to the spirit of all Rhode Islanders who strive to make our state a

1 better place in which to live and who work towards a brighter future for generations to come;  
2 now, therefore be it

3           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
4 hereby honors Kenneth J. Burke for all he has done for our state and his community and we  
5 extend our deepest appreciation to Ken for his untiring service to the community, and for setting a  
6 high standard of commitment and dedication by which others in this great state may follow. We  
7 moreover extend our very best wishes for good health and happiness at his award ceremony on  
8 February 26, 2015, and in the months and years ahead; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Kenneth J. Burke.

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