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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE HANNA M. GALLO ON BEING NAMED THE
GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 58TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN WEST
WARWICK

Introduced By: Senator Adam J. Satchell

Date Introduced: March 08, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The West Warwick St. Patrick's Day Parade is hosted annually by The
2 Pawtuxet Valley Chapter of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. This year marks the 58th anniversary
3 of this special parade and the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo has been chosen to be the Grand
4 Marshal; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Gallo is a distinguished member of the Rhode Island State Senate,
6 representing District 27, which includes parts of Cranston and West Warwick. She is well-known
7 and highly respected for her personal integrity and her expertise on education issues; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Gallo was first elected to the Rhode Island State Senate in 1998,
9 and has served as the Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Education since 2009. In that
10 leadership capacity, she played a fundamental role in securing comprehensive funding for full-
11 day kindergarten in 2015, and played a vital role in securing the passage of significant legislation
12 that improved the quality of education in Rhode Island including ensuring that first-rate
13 afterschool care is available for elementary and secondary students, to more accurately tracking
14 high school graduation rates in Rhode Island, and creating three new bachelor degree programs at
15 Rhode Island state universities and colleges, thereby ensuring that teachers receive the best
16 possible training ; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Gallo also co-chaired the Joint Legislative Committee to Establish a
18 Permanent Education Foundation Aid Formula in which she championed the establishment of a
19 fair, student-based funding formula for state aid to education. Thanks to her tireless work

1 landmark education formula legislation was signed into law and has been fully funded every year
2 since then; and

3 WHEREAS, Being named Grand Marshal of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in West
4 Warwick is an exceptional tribute bestowed upon those who have exhibited devotion and
5 excellence within the community. Senator Gallo, with her abundance of Irish charm and many
6 years of distinctive service, more than meets all the requirements expected of a Grand Marshal of
7 this august occasion; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby congratulates the Honorable Hanna Gallo on being named the Grand Marshal of the 58th
10 annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in West Warwick. In the words of a famous Irish saying "May
11 your neighbors respect you, troubles neglect you, the angels protect you, and Heaven accept you";
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo.

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