

2011 -- S 0950

=====
LC02602
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING ANDREA M. HOPKINS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM
THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Moura, and Shibley

Date Introduced: May 11, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Andrea Hopkins has had a profound effect on the lives of many as her
2 enthusiasm, spirit, integrity, and pursuit of excellence has influenced Rhode Islanders, both
3 professionally and through decades of volunteer work; and

4 WHEREAS, Andrea is a proud graduate of the University of Rhode Island, part of a
5 family alumni tradition that includes her husband Mark, daughters Kathryn and Jennifer, and
6 several siblings; and

7 WHEREAS, Andrea's career has been marked by hard work and innovation, beginning
8 at the AT Cross company, where she gained valuable experience managing internal operations
9 before taking her passion for people to AAA Southern New England; and

10 WHEREAS, Andrea helped grow business lines and branch locations to unprecedented
11 levels at AAA Southern New England, establishing a novel service and customer-focused culture
12 that emphasized accountability at all levels while repeatedly taking on difficult and challenging
13 projects, leading to her work being recognized with two MARQ (Marketing Award in
14 Recognition of Quality) Awards; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon recognizing her public relations expertise while Andrea was working
16 at the Meeting Street School, the University of Rhode Island was fortunate to add her superior
17 leadership and management skills to the management team. Andrea made an immediate impact
18 by utilizing her exceptional communication and strategic planning skills to campaign on behalf of
19 the students and faculty, frequently working behind the scenes to secure increases in federal

1 appropriations, manage statewide bond campaigns and provide valuable guidance; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the last ten years, while exemplifying the ideals of an enthusiastic and
3 truly dedicated advocate, Andrea labored tirelessly to plan, develop and administer the overall
4 government relations activities of the university, building communication between the university
5 and the General Assembly, the Office of the Governor and the U.S. Congressional Delegation;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Andrea can now concentrate her unflappable demeanor, tested by many
8 years of shepherding legislative initiatives through General Assembly committees and
9 Congressional meetings, on her many personal interests, especially her three wonderful
10 grandchildren; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
12 hereby recognizes, honors, and thanks Andrea M. Hopkins on the occasion of her retirement after
13 many years of steadfast and unselfish service with the University of Rhode Island. We wish her
14 good health, fulfillment, and enjoyment in her retirement; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Andrea M. Hopkins.

=====
LC02602
=====