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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING HELEN NICHOLS ON BEING HONORED WITH THE  
"OUTSTANDING SENIOR ADVOCATE AWARD"**

Introduced By: Senators Cote, and Picard

Date Introduced: May 17, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, The life and accomplishments of Helen Nichols stand as a testament to the  
2 extraordinary generosity and goodness-of-heart inherent in some people; and

3           WHEREAS, Born during the Great Depression, Mrs. Nichols' parents were blue-collar  
4 workers who, through word and deed, taught their daughter to always lend a helping-hand and  
5 share whatever you have with those less fortunate; and

6           WHEREAS, Embracing her parents' altruistic philosophy, Mrs. Nichols has almost  
7 always set an extra plate or two at her kitchen table; she has always opened her home and her  
8 heart to those in need; and she has always donated her time and talents assisting a plethora of  
9 individuals and organizations; and

10           WHEREAS, Mrs. Nichols is active with Quota International, on the board of the  
11 Woonsocket's Stadium Theatre, volunteers with Club Richelieu, and since 1983, has been a  
12 "fixture" at the Woonsocket Senior Center; and

13           WHEREAS, In addition to teaching classes in knitting, crocheting, and quilt-making to  
14 seniors at the center, Mrs. Nichols facilitates the creation and donation of many of these home-  
15 made quilts and treasures to benefit local charitable causes; and

16           WHEREAS, Mrs. Nichols has also been devoted to her husband and family, raising her  
17 children and a nephew, helping with her grandchildren and, until recently, caring for her husband,  
18 Oscar, who had suffered multiple strokes; and

19           WHEREAS, Indubitably, Helen Nichols most certainly earned this prestigious award, as

1 well as our utmost admiration and gratitude; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 hereby congratulates and honors Mrs. Helen Nichols. We wish her good health, much happiness,  
4 and continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Helen Nichols.

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