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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING JOHN O'MALLEY ON BEING NAMED THE 2011 "TEACHER OF
THE YEAR" BY THE RICHMOND GRANGE #6**

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: May 25, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, John O'Malley, an outstanding teacher at South Kingstown High School,
2 has received the prestigious honor of being named "Teacher of the Year" by the Richmond
3 Grange #6. This award is presented to persons who are "innovative, culturally aware, and
4 someone who brings life to the classroom"; and

5 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from La Salle Academy, John attended Providence
6 College. He began a career in woodworking and although he was a gifted carpenter, he soon
7 realized his true calling was in teaching. He returned to school, received his teaching degree, and
8 joined the staff of South Kingstown High School; and

9 WHEREAS, John teaches a range of classes, from global studies to public issues. He
10 also implemented an agriculture course where students get hands-on experience with growing
11 plants and learning about the economic, social, and environmental aspects of agriculture in
12 today's world; and

13 WHEREAS, With wife Karen along to assist in chaperoning duties, John took twenty
14 students to Morocco on a community service outreach program. Utilizing his carpentry skills, he
15 and the students assisted the community in painting a schoolroom. He has also traveled to and
16 undoubtedly made a positive impact in Afghanistan, India, China, and Europe; and

17 WHEREAS, John O'Malley's passionate commitment to his students, and to the
18 extended school, state, and world communities, has distinguished him as a person worthy of this
19 illustrious honor, as well as deserving of our utmost admiration and gratitude; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby congratulates John O'Malley on being named "Teacher of the Year" by the Richmond
3 Grange #6. We commend him for his many extraordinary achievements and contributions, and
4 wish him continued health, happiness, and success in all his 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 John O'Malley.

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