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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING BRIAN ROBERTS ON BEING NAMED THE 2011
"AGRICULTURALIST 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, Brian Roberts, an outstanding member of the Richmond community, has
2 received the prestigious honor of being named "Agriculturalist of the Year" by the Richmond
3 Grange #6. This award is presented annually to individuals who have demonstrated their deep
4 commitment to the betterment of their community; and

5 WHEREAS, Brian was born with agriculture and farming in his genes and in his heart.
6 His mother and father, Edie and Burt Roberts, both knew that their son's youthful interest in toy
7 trucks and tractors would eventually lead to an enduring passion for life-sized farm equipment;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Currently employed as a mechanic at South County Farms, which is his
10 mother's family farm, Brian began his training alongside his uncles, learning to repair the farm's
11 tractors and other equipment; and

12 WHEREAS, Brian and his brother also own and operate the Beaver River Tree Farm,
13 five acres of prime Christmas tree land they harvest annually. Brian is also proprietor of BLR
14 Potatoes, which he started in 1997 using his grandmother's tractor and various antique pieces of
15 farming equipment. Brian has donated literally tons of his farm's crops to myriad local and
16 statewide food banks for the needy; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to his commitment to the community and feeding the hungry
18 through his farming endeavors, Brian has rescued nine neglected, special needs, or oftentimes
19 abused dogs, treating each of them as if they were his "children" and saving each of them from

1 most-certain euthanasia; and

2 WHEREAS, Brian Roberts' dedication to the Richmond Grange and his myriad of
3 altruistic endeavors has distinguished him as a person worthy of this illustrious honor, as well as
4 deserving of our utmost admiration and gratitude; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby congratulates Brian Roberts on being named Agriculturalist of the Year 2011 by the
7 Richmond Grange #6. We commend him for his many extraordinary achievements and
8 contributions, and wish him continued health, happiness, and success in all his future endeavors;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Brian Roberts.

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