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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING SUSAN AYLWARD ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS THE
DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH KINGSTOWN FREE LIBRARY

Introduced By: Senators Hodgson, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: May 25, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Susan Aylward, a lifelong resident of North Kingstown, enjoyed a bucolic
2 childhood marked by the steadfast and cheerful support of her mother, Marion, and the fond
3 memories of accompanying her father, Thomas, as he fulfilled his duties as both a firefighter and
4 custodian of the town library; and

5 WHEREAS, Susan's passion for the North Kingstown Free Library was kindled early in
6 her life by the many times she'd step into the welcoming environs of the library and play at the
7 main desk, pretending to be the librarian as her father completed his custodial tasks; and

8 WHEREAS, Susan embarked upon a storied, 35-year career with the library when she
9 became a library aide at the age of 17, advanced through the years to roles of greater
10 responsibility, and ultimately became Director in 2002, helping to steer the library into the age of
11 automation and expansion; and

12 WHEREAS, Susan has exemplified the ideals of an enthusiastic and truly dedicated
13 leader, cheerfully going above and beyond the call of duty, whether it was shoveling snow to
14 keep the patrons and staff safe, or responding to the alarm in the wee hours of the morning; and

15 WHEREAS, Her passion for learning has propelled Susan to the highest reaches of
16 academia, and she has earned a Ph.D. for her dissertation on the works of David Plante. His
17 donated manuscripts and books now provide a more leisurely opportunity for her to further serve
18 the library and the people of North Kingstown, this time, however, as a patron; and

19 WHEREAS, In the wake of all the lives and hearts of countless people she has touched,

1 Susan now moves on to future adventures. She will be truly missed by the staff of the library and
2 the many patrons who would often greet her with a wave as they strolled by the front window
3 while she toiled at her desk; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby recognizes, honors, and thanks Susan Aylward on the occasion of her retirement after
6 many years of steadfast and unselfish service with the North Kingstown Free Library. We wish
7 her good health, fulfillment, and continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Susan Aylward.

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