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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SOCORRO GOMEZ-POTTER FOR HER OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN  
PUBLIC EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Metts, and Cool Rumsey

Date Introduced: June 19, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Since taking the helm as Principal of the Reservoir Avenue Elementary  
2 School eight years ago, Socorro Gomez-Potter has inspired her staff and the school's students to  
3 envision their possibilities and to believe that they can build a future full of promise; and

4           WHEREAS, Socorro Gomez-Potter was born in Jalisco, Mexico. As a young child, she  
5 emigrated from her homeland and attended elementary school through post graduate studies in  
6 the State of California while toiling as a migrant worker in the grape fields; and

7           WHEREAS, Credited with many admirable "firsts," Ms. Gomez-Potter was the first  
8 Latina from her community to graduate from college and she was the first Mexican teacher hired  
9 at her former elementary school; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1995, Ms. Gomez-Potter moved to Rhode Island and was hired as the  
11 Assistant Principal at Roger Williams Middle School. In 1997, she became the Principal of Alfred  
12 Lima School and seven years later, she was named Principal of the Reservoir Avenue Elementary  
13 School, a position she has held for the past eight years; and

14           WHEREAS, During her tenure at the Reservoir Avenue Elementary School, Principal  
15 Gomez-Potter has been a true and proven champion of education and she is a tremendous asset to  
16 both the school and the community. She not only actively engages her students, but also their  
17 families by organizing and promoting school events, community involvement, and family  
18 leadership; and

19           WHEREAS, For the past seven years, the school has earned consistent Adequate Yearly

1 Progress reports and the school's students have distinguished themselves in myriad areas of the  
2 NECAP. In addition, two years ago, Reservoir Avenue Elementary was one of two schools in the  
3 state to attain the greatest gains in Reading and Science performance. This year, the school is top-  
4 ranked among all Providence Schools; and

5 WHEREAS, Principal Gomez-Potter is a paradigm of the very best leadership qualities.  
6 Her genuine love of learning has already helped hundreds of children to succeed and she is  
7 eminently worthy of our praise and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
9 hereby recognizes and applauds Principal Gomez-Potter for her outstanding leadership and  
10 dedication to the students of the Reservoir Avenue Elementary School. We wish her the very  
11 best of health, happiness, and success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Socorro Gomez-Potter.

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