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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JANET LEVESQUE ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE
CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Picard, and Lynch

Date Introduced: June 02, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Janet Levesque is retiring from the Cumberland Public Library after thirty
2 years of distinguished, honorable, and devoted service to the citizens of the Town of Cumberland;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Her career path began at the Taunton Public Library, where she worked as a
5 librarian while earning a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Rhode Island;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from URI in 1978, Janet became the Director of the
8 Greenville Public Library. She later joined the staff of the Edward J. Hayden Public Library,
9 where she was appointed Director in 1981; and

10 WHEREAS, During her tenure as the Director of the Hayden Public Library, the library
11 went from card catalog to CD-ROM catalog to online catalog. Janet was there when the first
12 computers were installed and when it became clear that the library was fast outgrowing its space;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Janet helped found the Cumberland Library Fund, a group dedicated to
15 raising funds, first to expand the library, and then to continue its mission to become a community
16 center for the Town of Cumberland; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the years she has successfully fought for two library bonds to expand
18 the library's public space and to build much sought after meeting spaces for community groups
19 and town departments in Cumberland; and

1 WHEREAS, In her thirty years at the Cumberland Public Library she helped the library
2 to automate and join a consortium of Rhode Island public libraries, then known as the
3 Cooperating Libraries Automated Network; and

4 WHEREAS, A respected and valued member of the library community, Janet is a
5 member of the American Library Association and the Karla Harry Commission on Libraries in
6 Rhode Island, and was asked to serve on the Rhode Island Information Resources Management
7 Board; and

8 WHEREAS, Outside the library world, Janet has served as treasurer to the Cumberland
9 Prevention Coalition, and she helps run its annual Junior Olympics; and

10 WHEREAS, One chapter of Janet's life is now coming to an end, but we are confident
11 that her future will hold many new and exciting adventures; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby congratulates Janet Levesque for her many years of distinguished and devoted service to
14 the Cumberland Public Library and the citizens of the Town of Cumberland; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Janet Levesque.

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