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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING WILLIAM HENRY HURRY, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Senator Nicholas D. Kettle

Date Introduced: June 09, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, William Henry Hurry, Jr., has dedicated his professional career to 2 promoting access to higher education and assisting the students of Rhode Island in obtaining 3 career and college planning resources; and 4 WHEREAS, Bill's storied career in higher education started at the State University of 5 New York at Stony Brook, but was interrupted when he patriotically served his country during a two-year stint in the U.S. Army; and 6 7 WHEREAS, After a brief stop at the University of Puget Sound, Bill came home to Rhode Island, where his work at Rhode Island College helped establish an understanding of the 8 9 field of financial aid and admissions that would prove visionary for the state; and 10 WHEREAS, Bill has exemplified the ideals of an enthusiastic and truly dedicated leader, 11 taking the helm of the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA) in 1996 12 and guiding the development of such innovative programs as WaytogoRI.org, which supports 13 students in every school district of the state in their quest for educational planning resources; and 14 WHEREAS, A recognized expert in his field, Bill is active in national and local 15 professional and community organizations such as the National Council of Education Loan 16 Programs, New England Board of Higher Education, Scituate Lions Club, and many others, and 17 frequently serves in a position of leadership and guidance; and 18 WHEREAS, In the wake of all the lives and hearts of the countless people he has

touched, Bill now moves on to future adventures. He will be truly missed by the staff of RIHEAA

- 1 and the generations of students that he has helped; now, therefore be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
- 3 hereby recognizes, honors, and thanks William Henry Hurry, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement
- 4 after many years of steadfast and unselfish service with the Rhode Island Higher Education
- 5 Assistance Authority. We wish him good health, fulfillment, and continued success in all his
- 6 future endeavors; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
- 8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. William Henry Hurry, Jr.

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