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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING TAVERN HALL OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN ON THE JOYOUS
CELEBRATION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: June 28, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Tavern Hall Club, now known as the Tavern Hall Preservation Society,
2 has dedicated the past 100 years to fostering social connections and community spirit in South
3 Kingstown. The people who work so hard to preserve the spirit of Tavern Hall also direct their
4 efforts at preserving its historic house, Reynolds House, located at the corner of South Road and
5 Route 138; and

6 WHEREAS, Tavern Hall historically has served as a meeting place where “good
7 fellowship and community service” take place on a regular basis. Approximately 80 members
8 support the organization by attending lectures and various social gatherings; and

9 WHEREAS, Tavern Hall Preservation Society also provides an opportunity for people
10 from both the town and the University of Rhode Island to socialize in an informal setting against
11 the backdrop of informative monthly programs and interesting speakers; and

12 WHEREAS, Tavern Hall Preservation Society is also steeped in Rhode Island and South
13 Kingstown lore. General George Washington apparently stopped there on his way to Newport. It
14 is also believed that the area’s first newspaper, the Rhode Island Advocate, evolved within its
15 walls. The building has been a grocery store, a personal homestead, millinery, a fancy goods
16 store, and quite possibly served as the nucleus for the beginnings of the Kingston Free Library. It
17 has also sponsored Boy Scout Troop 1 for more than 85 years, and numerous other community
18 organizations have used the facilities free of charge; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby congratulates the Tavern Hall of South Kingstown on the joyous occasion of its 100th
2 anniversary; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Tavern Hall Preservation Society's President
5 Elizabeth L. Indeglia.

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