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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE ERIN LYNCH PRATA ON BEING NAMED THE
GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 59TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN WEST
WARWICK

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, and Gallo

Date Introduced: March 08, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The West Warwick St. Patrick's Day Parade is hosted annually by The
2 Pawtuxet Valley Chapter of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. This year marks the 59th
3 anniversary of this special parade and the Honorable Erin Lynch Prata has been chosen to be the
4 Grand Marshal; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Lynch Prata is a distinguished member of the Rhode Island Senate,
6 representing District 31, which includes parts of Cranston and Warwick. She is a leading member
7 of the legislature and is highly regarded for her knowledge and command of complex legal issues;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Lynch Prata was born and raised in Warwick, Rhode Island. She is
10 a graduate of Tollgate High School and Boston College, where she attained a bachelor's degree in
11 history. She also earned a J.D. from Columbus School of Law at Catholic University; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Lynch Prata was first elected to the Rhode Island State Senate in
13 2008, and has served as the Chairwoman of the Senate Judiciary Committee since 2017. She is a
14 past Chairwoman of the Senate Rules Committee, and currently is also a member of the Senate
15 Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight Committee, the Special Legislation and Veterans'
16 Affairs Committee, and the Joint Committee on Economic Development; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Lynch Prata, during her tenure in the Senate, has been a leader on
18 numerous issues of importance to Rhode Island citizens including raising the minimum wage for
19 working Rhode Islanders, protecting Rhode Island's precious freshwater wetlands, improving

1 veterans' access to higher education, and protecting victims of domestic violence. Thanks to her
2 hard work, Rhode Island has become a safer and more prosperous state; and

3 WHEREAS, Being named Grand Marshal of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in West
4 Warwick is an exceptional tribute bestowed upon those who have exhibited dedication and
5 excellence within the community. Senator Lynch Prata, with her delightful Irish charm and many
6 years of meritorious service, more than meets the requirements expected of a Grand Marshal of
7 this special occasion; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby congratulates the Honorable Erin Lynch Prata on being named the Grand Marshal of the
10 59th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in West Warwick. In the words of a famous Irish saying
11 "May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind always be at your back, may the sun shine warm
12 upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you
13 in the palm of his hand"; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Erin Lynch Prata.

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