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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JOHN PERINO ON BEING NAMED ONE OF THE TOP TWO  
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS IN RHODE ISLAND FOR 2014, IN THE 19TH ANNUAL  
PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

Introduced By: Senator Dennis L. Algieri

Date Introduced: March 05, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, John Perino, an esteemed resident of Westerly and a student at Westerly  
2 High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a  
3 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

4 WHEREAS, This prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership  
5 with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across  
6 America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, John Perino earned this award by co-founding Project TGIF (Turn Grease  
8 Into Fuel), an initiative designed to turn grease into fuel as a way to reduce CO2 emissions and to  
9 help struggling families pay their heating bills. Approximately 4,000 gallons of used cooking oil a  
10 month was collected from 132 restaurants in three states, and public receptacles in ten towns.  
11 This fuel was then converted into a biofuel that heated the homes of families in need, and helped  
12 endangered low-lying beaches by reducing CO2 emissions. Over the past five years, more than  
13 \$100,000 worth of biofuel was used to help pay the heating bills of over 200 families; and

14 WHEREAS, The quality of life in the State of Rhode Island, the strength of our  
15 communities, and the vitality of American society depend in large part upon young people like  
16 John Perino, a young man who has given generously of his time and used his considerable talent  
17 to make his community a better place; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
19 hereby congratulates John Perino on being named one of the top two youth volunteers in Rhode

1 Island for 2014, in the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. We thank John for all  
2 he has done to protect the environment and to help needy families pay their heating bills. We  
3 wish him continued success in all future endeavors; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to John Perino.

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