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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PATTY COTTRELL FOR BEING NAMED THE RICHMOND
GRANGE #6 2010 COMMUNITY SERVICE "GRANGER OF THE YEAR"

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: May 20, 2010

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, We have learned that the Richmond Grange #6 is proud to honor Patty
2 Cottrell as its 2010 Granger of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, Patty was not born into a traditional Grange family, but that didn't keep her
4 from joining. Her Grange journey started at Exeter in April of 1973. While at Exeter, she held
5 several offices, was part of its degree team, and marched in parades with other Grange members.
6 After marrying her husband, Jack, in 1979, she transferred her membership to Richmond, where
7 she has been ever since. She and Jack had a daughter, and the Grange family tradition continued;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Patty has been a huge part of Richmond Grange, Washington County
10 Pomona Grange, and the Rhode Island State Grange. She has held several offices and served on
11 numerous committees. Most recently, from 2005 to 2009 she served as Master at the Richmond
12 Grange and is currently the Women's Activity Committee Chairperson. At Washington County
13 Pomona, she is treasurer, a position that she has held since 1991. On the state level, Patty is
14 currently on the Executive Committee. For four years, Jack and Patty were the Rhode Island State
15 Grange voting delegates at the National Session. Of all the offices that she has held, Patty will tell
16 you that her favorite is Lady Assistant Steward, a position that she has held for several granges,
17 and you can find her filling in eagerly whenever needed; and

18 WHEREAS, Patty loves the Grange and all of the fundraisers that it undertakes, but one
19 of her true Grange loves is the Washington County Fair. Patty has been attending and working the

1 Fair since she joined the Grange. In 1995, she was appointed to the Washington County Fair
2 Committee and is currently serving as treasurer. Before the Fair in August, Patty can be found
3 working extra events in the Pomona Kitchen, weeding or raking the grounds, as well as painting.
4 All of these activities are important and she takes pride in ensuring that every group that uses the
5 Fair benefits. During the Fair, Patty is often diligently working in the Treasurer's office, making
6 sure that the funds are running smoothly. Treasurer is not the only job that she carries out during
7 the Fair - she is also in charge of Admissions, which involves lining up and ordering tickets, and
8 arranging workers to staff the gates for all five days. Somehow, she also finds time during the
9 Fair to go and cut up onions for the Pomona Kitchen every morning, helps to make sure the
10 security system is running smoothly, and also takes care of anything else that might be needed;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Patty's love and dedication to the Grange are sentiments that she has
13 instilled in her family and something that we can all be proud of; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby honors and congratulates Patty Cottrell on receiving the 2010 Community Service
16 Granger of the Year Award. We wish her continued success in all future endeavors; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Patty Cottrell.

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