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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING REVEREND MONSIGNOR BARRY R.L. CONNERTON ON THE
40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: May 27, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor Barry R.L. Connerton was born October 9, 1944, in
2 Newport, Rhode Island. While residing in Newport, he graduated from Hazard Memorial School
3 and De La Salle Academy. He furthered his education at Our Lady of Providence Seminary in
4 Warwick, RI, where he studied and trained for his service as a priest, and upon graduation he
5 received his Master's of Divinity Degree from St. Mary's Seminary. He was ordained to the
6 priesthood on May 23, 1970; and

7 WHEREAS, Following his ordination in 1970, Father Connerton was assigned to teach at
8 Our Lady of Providence Preparatory Seminary and to serve as Associate Pastor of St. Phillip
9 Parish in Greenville, RI; and

10 WHEREAS, Father Connerton was named Pastor of Mary Mother of Mankind Parish in
11 North Providence in 1984, and for the past eighteen years he has provided leadership and spiritual
12 guidance as Pastor of St. Augustine's Church in Providence; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to providing for the spiritual needs of his parishioners, Father
14 Connerton has also proven to be a dynamic force within the community. He has gained
15 recognition for his organizational and administrative skills. Father Connerton has been a member
16 of the Catholic Press Association, American Catholic Who's Who, and the Governor's Advisory
17 Commission on Educational Television. In 2009, at the request of Bishop Tobin, Father
18 Connerton was named "Chaplain to His Holiness" by Pope Benedict XVI. A man dedicated to his
19 country, Father Connerton also served as Chaplain in the US Army Reserves; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor Connerton has spent most of his life in devout service
2 to God. Through that unification, he has served and blessed the faithful, enriched the spiritual
3 lives of many Rhode Islanders, and earned our utmost respect and admiration for his
4 achievements; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby recognizes and congratulates Reverend Monsignor Barry R.L. Connerton on the occasion
7 of his 40th anniversary in the priesthood. May he have good health and many more years of
8 benevolent service to his fellow man; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Reverend Monsignor Barry R.L. Connerton.

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