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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**HONORING THE NEWPORT GULLS ON THEIR VISIT TO THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CELEBRATING THEIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
PLAYING BASEBALL IN NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Martin, A Rice, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: June 01, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, For the past ten years, the Newport Gulls have played baseball in Newport,
2 Rhode Island. Since moving to Newport in 2001, the Newport Gulls have made the playoffs each
3 year and have captured the Fay Vincent Jr. Cup four times, the only team to accomplish this feat.
4 The Newport Gulls are currently ranked among the top five teams nationally for summer
5 collegiate baseball and are the defending champions, having won the 2009 New England
6 Collegiate Baseball League Championship; and

7 WHEREAS, Summer baseball consists of the top collegiate prospects from the best
8 college programs in the United States, and all are hopefuls for the Major League Baseball Draft.
9 Playing well in a quality summer baseball league is a path used by many young men towards
10 achieving their life-long goal of playing Major League Baseball; and

11 WHEREAS, In historic Cardines Field, one of the greatest places to watch a summer
12 league baseball game, the Newport Gulls provide the local community with high-quality baseball
13 in a family-friendly atmosphere. The Newport Gulls are a non-profit organization, and have
14 contributed more than \$100,000 to the community and local charities through game-day raffles,
15 summer camp scholarships, auction items, and team appearances. In 2006, the Newport Gulls
16 also established a scholarship program benefitting male and female athletes from Newport,
17 Middletown, and Portsmouth high schools; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby honors the Newport Gulls on their visit to the Rhode Island House

1 of Representatives and celebrates their tenth anniversary of playing baseball in Newport, Rhode
2 Island; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Newport Gulls team owners Chuck Paiva, Chris
5 Patsos, Ron Westmoreland, Mark Horan, and Greg Fater.

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