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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING PAUL TARASEVICH ON RECEIVING THE CURRICULUM
ASSOCIATES 2021 EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATORS AWARD**

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 11, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Extraordinary Educators Award is an annual honor given out by
2 Curriculum Associates that recognizes educators who have a minimum of two years of teaching
3 experience who demonstrate the most innovative teaching practices in their classroom, illustrate
4 growth and achievements with their pupils through formal assessments, and are passionate about
5 high standards and student achievement; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2021 Class of “Extraordinary Educators” consist of forty-four educators
7 from twenty-six states and the District of Columbia. Mr. Paul Tarasevich is one of two educators
8 chosen from the state of Rhode Island; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Tarasevich graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 2014, with
10 Bachelor's degrees in English and Secondary Education. He began his education career in 2016,
11 teaching 8th grade English Language Arts at Martin Middle School in East Providence. In his
12 second year at Martin, he and his team piloted a Project-Based Learning Platform that allowed
13 each student to move through the curriculum at their own pace. After reflecting on this
14 experience, the following year, Mr. Tarasevich modified the platform to meet the needs of his
15 students; and

16 WHEREAS, Currently, in collaboration with his team, Mr. Tarasevich has created
17 English Language Arts differentiated assignments and self-pacing playlists tailored to meet the
18 needs of each individual student and allows each student to take ownership of their learning. In
19 addition to teaching English Language Arts at Martin, Mr. Tarasevich coaches Track & Field,

1 participates on the School Improvement Team, and has taken a leadership role on the School
2 Climate Team; and

3 WHEREAS, Recipients of the Extraordinary Educators Award will have access to a
4 national network of peers to collaborate with and learn from throughout the year, and will receive
5 professional developmental opportunities. They will also be invited to participate in the
6 Extraordinary Educators Leadership Summit and other professional events; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates Mr. Paul
8 Tarasevich for receiving the 2021 "Extraordinary Educators Award". We thank him for his
9 tireless work ethic and innovative approach to teaching and wish him many more years of
10 outstanding teaching; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Paul Tarasevich.

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