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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DENNIS AND SUSAN MCCOY ON BEING SELECTED AS 2011
NEWPORT DAILY NEWS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: April 12, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Newport Daily News established a “Community Service Award” in
2 1996 on the paper’s 150th Anniversary celebration in order to recognize and encourage
3 volunteerism within the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Chosen from a field of more than a dozen nominations, Dennis McCoy, a
5 retired Navy Rear Admiral and former member of the Newport City Council, and his lovely wife,
6 Susan, a real estate agent, were selected as two of the 2011 recipients of this prestigious award for
7 the “variety of organizations” and “the lasting impact” of their volunteer efforts. They are only
8 the second couple to have ever received this honor; and

9 WHEREAS, Longtime residents of the City by the Sea, the McCoy’s have consistently
10 and selflessly given their time, talent, and energy to a myriad of clubs and organizations
11 benefitting the citizenry of the City of Newport. They have been very active with the Newport
12 Public Education Foundation and St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, where they oversee the
13 church’s soup kitchen, as well as numerous other responsibilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Dennis is a trustee at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, and had served on
15 the Newport City Council for a number of years. He has also been active for many years with the
16 Newport Historical Society; and

17 WHEREAS, Susan began volunteering at hospitals as a young girl, and later with the
18 scouts. She has served as Treasurer for the church’s soup kitchen, spent five years as chair of the
19 Newport Public Education Foundation, an organization that raises extra funding for programs and

1 projects that aren't covered in the city's strapped school budget, and she helps out with the
2 "Newport to a Tea" fundraiser. She has also been involved with the Newport Music Festival and
3 started the volunteer program, Rebuilding Together, that rehabilitates local homes; and

4 WHEREAS, Dennis and Susan are always happy to lend a hand. As a couple or
5 sometimes on separate crusades, they not only support each other, but also, a panoply of altruistic
6 endeavors and organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, The McCoy's devotion and commitment to the community is well known,
8 and their generosity of spirit is inspiring. They have earned the unqualified admiration and
9 respect of so many people in the community and they are truly role models for us all; now,
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
12 hereby congratulates and honors Dennis and Susan McCoy on being selected as two of the 2011
13 Newport Daily News Community Service Award winners. We wish them good health, much
14 happiness, and continued success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dennis and Susan McCoy.

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