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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING FLORENCE ARCHAMBAULT ON BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF
THE 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, Florence
5 Archambault, a longtime resident of the City of Newport, was selected as one of this year’s
6 recipients of this prestigious award for the “depth and breadth” of her community service and
7 activities, as well as for the length of her service as a volunteer; and

8 WHEREAS, As a young girl, Florence developed an abiding love for books. Her parents
9 also instilled in her their deep commitment to community service. Through the years, Florence’s
10 passion for writing and literature not only determined the career she would eventually choose, but
11 also developed into a skill and knowledge she could utilize to help others; and

12 WHEREAS, Florence is a longtime freelance writer. She has published histories of
13 Mumford Manor, a biography of Maude Howe Elliott, and magazine stories on collecting
14 antiques, and has written press releases for local groups. In addition, she taught in the Circle of
15 Scholars program at Salve Regina University and teaches a free course on writing family histories
16 at the Edward King House Senior Center; and

17 WHEREAS, Beginning in the 1970s, Florence’s community involvement has included
18 membership in myriad organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the
19 Church Community Housing Corporation, the Mumford Manor Housing Corporation, the

1 Newport Public Library bookstore, and the United Congregational Church, where she runs a flea
2 market, a prayer group, and a knitting group. She is quite well known for her lovely “prayer
3 shawls”; and

4 WHEREAS, Florence also contributes her time and talents with the Boys & Girls Clubs,
5 and is a member and the program chair for the local chapter of the AARP; and

6 WHEREAS, Never one to remain idle and showing no signs of slowing down in the
7 foreseeable future, Florence Archambault is a whirlwind of energy and kindness. In between
8 volunteering countless hours and spending time with her beloved children and grandchildren, she
9 still finds time to read eight or nine books a week; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby congratulates and honors Florence Archambault on being selected as one of the 2011
12 Newport Daily News Community Service Award winners. Her years of devoted service to the
13 community are an inspiration to us all; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Florence Archambault.

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