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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING KIM GAFFETT FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF BLOCK ISLAND
AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: June 09, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The New Shoreham Town Council will be losing a valued member with the
2 retirement of First Warden Kim Gaffett; and

3 WHEREAS, Kim Gaffett is a native daughter of Block Island. She left the island to
4 attend the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, but returned shortly after receiving
5 her degree in biology and environmental science; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon coming home, Kim held a panoply of jobs including spending twenty-
7 one years as a bus driver and starting her own printing press business. In 1998, she began
8 working with the Ocean View Foundation, where she was able to put her educational background
9 to use; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the years, Kim was also becoming more involved in local politics and
11 issues. She had always been a regular attendee at Town Council meetings. In addition, she
12 became a member of the New Shoreham Planning Board and in 1988, successfully ran for a seat
13 on the New Shoreham Town Council; and

14 WHEREAS, Public service suited her well, and in 1994, Councilor Gaffett became the
15 Council's Second Warden, and for the past eight years, has served as First Warden. Her
16 successful leadership is due in no small measure to her ability to multi-task, her conviction in
17 compromise, and her heart-felt belief that serving the public to the best of her abilities is a
18 privilege; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby honors and commends Kim Gaffett on the occasion of her retirement from the New
2 Shoreham Town Council. She is a woman who stands admirably as an example for all Rhode
3 Islanders, of a public servant who led with integrity and dedication to the betterment of her
4 community; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Kim Gaffett.

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