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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING PAULA S. DOMINGUEZ, ED.D., ON HER SERVICE TO  
THE PEOPLE AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Algieri, and Miller

Date Introduced: June 18, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Paula S. Dominguez, Ed.D., has distinguished herself throughout her  
2 lifetime and myriad careers, and has attained the admiration, respect, and gratitude of all who  
3 have been fortunate to work by her side and learn from her experience and vast knowledge; and

4           WHEREAS, In 1988, Paula attained her A.B. in Psychobiology from Mount Holyoke  
5 College, and in 1992, her M.S. in Television, Radio, and Film from Syracuse University.  
6 Continuing her education, she earned her Ed.M. in Human Development and Psychology from  
7 Harvard University, and her Ed.D. in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard  
8 University in 1998; and

9           WHEREAS, To the immense good fortune of the Rhode Island General Assembly and  
10 citizens of the state, Paula joined the staff of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, as a  
11 Senior Education Policy Advisor in 2006. In 2009, she was also named Director of Legislative  
12 Research, a position she held until 2013, when she was named Principal Policy Analyst for the  
13 Rhode Island Senate, and was then promoted to the position of Deputy Director of Senate Policy;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Prior to joining the staff of the General Assembly, Paula's expansive resume  
16 included a panoply of administrative and educational experience including serving as Senior  
17 Director of Research Strategy and Director of Research and Evaluation for Hezel Associates in  
18 New York, to name just a few; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition, Paula has held numerous leadership and teaching positions at

1 some of the most prestigious Universities in our country. She was a Lecturer at Brown  
2 University, an Adjunct Instructor at Old Dominion University, a teaching Fellow at Harvard  
3 University, and served as the Director of Sponsored Research at Christopher Newport University;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Earning a plethora of recognitions and honors, Paula was awarded a  
6 Fulbright Scholarship, and traveled to India with her daughters, Ericka and Lauren, where she  
7 studied the community college system from August thru December of 2014. She was also granted  
8 an Action for Children's Television Doctoral Research Fellowship from Harvard University, and  
9 was Harvard's Representative at the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. In  
10 addition, Paula earned the Walter S. Barr Doctoral Fellowship and the Roy E. Larsen Fellowship  
11 from Harvard University, and was a Research Fellow at the Swedish Ministry of Education; and

12 WHEREAS, Not limiting her dedication to her family and professional responsibilities,  
13 Paula has devoted countless hours in service to her community. She currently serves as the Vice  
14 Chair of the Barrington School Committee, was an English as a Second Language Tutor, a  
15 Partnership for Success Committee Member, and Strategic Planning Committee Member for the  
16 East Bay YMCA, again, to name but a few of her community endeavors; and

17 WHEREAS, Paula will be retiring from her position with the Senate and returning full-  
18 time to the field of education as the Director of Assessment and Accreditation for Boston  
19 College's School of Education, and while her departure from the State House will leave an  
20 immeasurable void, her service to the General Assembly has been inspirational and she has  
21 proven to be a role model of conscientious and dedicated service that is eminently worthy of our  
22 recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
24 hereby expresses our heartfelt appreciation to Paula Dominguez for her years of dedicated service  
25 to the citizens and General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island. We moreover congratulate her  
26 on her appointment as the Director of Assessment and Accreditation for Boston College's School  
27 of Education and wish her continued success and many years of good health and tremendous  
28 happiness; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
30 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Paula S. Dominguez, Ed.D.

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