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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING BREEZE PUBLICATIONS OWNERS THOMAS V. WARD AND
JAMES QUINN ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH SMITHFIELD AND
WOONSOCKET VALLEY BREEZE**

Introduced By: Senators Picard, Connors, and Cote

Date Introduced: January 12, 2010

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The birth of The Valley Breeze Newspapers occurred thirteen years ago in
2 Thomas Ward's living room in Cumberland when he and James Quinn published the
3 Cumberland/Lincoln edition; and

4 WHEREAS, Three years later, the North Smithfield/Woonsocket edition began covering
5 news, events, and advertising. It began with a publication of twelve thousand copies within the
6 two towns, and has expanded to its current circulation of over sixteen thousand; and

7 WHEREAS, The mission of the Valley Breeze Newspapers is to "facilitate a positive
8 sense of community among the residents of Northern Rhode Island by providing a forum for the
9 free exchange of ideas, and to provide information of local events and neighbors"; and

10 WHEREAS, As co-owner and founding father of Breeze Publication, Inc., Thomas Ward
11 is active in the community. In addition to serving as publisher to the papers, he is a member of the
12 Cumberland/Lincoln Rotary, where he served as President in 2007. He is also a member of the
13 Board of Directors of the Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board
14 of Directors for the Rhode Island Catholic (formerly the Providence Visitor), and has sponsored
15 the Rhode Island Spelling Bee for the past three years; and

16 WHEREAS, James Quinn, co-owner and also one of the founding fathers of Breeze
17 Publications, Inc., serves as Deputy Publisher of the papers. He has demonstrated his
18 commitment not only to his profession, but also to the communities of Woonsocket and North
19 Smithfield, through his insightful guidance and dedication to regional reporting; and

1 WHEREAS, For the past decade, the North Smithfield and Woonsocket Valley Breeze
2 has been informing and educating the citizenry of the communities it so diligently covers. In
3 doing so, it has raised public awareness on local and national issues and has enhanced the
4 standard of excellence in journalism; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby congratulates Thomas V. Ward and James Quinn on the tenth anniversary of The North
7 Smithfield and Woonsocket Valley Breeze. These extraordinary men have earned this honor
8 because of their contributions to the community, both individually and professionally. They have
9 demonstrated the qualities of leadership, commitment, compassion, and dedication, and we
10 extend to them our very best wishes for continued success; and further be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. Thomas V. Ward and Mr. James Quinn.

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