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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING FORMER GOVERNOR BRUCE SUNDLUN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
90TH BIRTHDAY

Introduced By: Senators Paiva-Weed, Connors, Algieri, P Fogarty, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: January 20, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The year 1920 was a time of great happenings in the United States.
2 Woodrow Wilson was President, prohibition was in effect, and The Honorable Bruce Sundlun
3 was born on the 19th of January in Providence, Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Williams College, The Honorable Bruce Sundlun
5 served his country with honor and distinction as a pilot during World War II. He was shot down
6 over Nazi-occupied Belgium in 1943 and was later awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished
7 Flying Cross, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster from the United States, and Chevalier of the
8 Légion d'honneur from the Republic of France; and

9 WHEREAS, After returning stateside, The Honorable Bruce Sundlun attained his law
10 degree from Harvard University and began practicing law. He served from 1949 to 1951 as an
11 Assistant United States Attorney, and from 1954 to 1972 as Special Assistant to the United States
12 Attorney General; and

13 WHEREAS, From the 1960s through the 1990s, The Honorable Bruce Sundlun built a
14 reputation as a savvy and successful businessman, and in 1991, after a landslide victory, he was
15 sworn in as the 71st Governor of Rhode Island; and

16 WHEREAS, Some people never retire, although they do occasionally relinquish their
17 driver's license. Such has been the case for The Honorable Bruce Sundlun. He continues to be
18 active with lectures, writing, and promoting innumerable ideas to enhance and improve life in our
19 Ocean State; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby honors Governor Bruce Sundlun on the occasion of his 90th birthday. We furthermore
3 thank him for his leadership, especially during the financial quagmire of the early 1990s, and we
4 extend our best wishes for his continued success, health, and happiness; and be it further

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

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