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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING CHARLES L. NILES, JR., FOR SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF
DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE FREEMASONS

Introduced By: Senator Elaine J. Morgan

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest Fraternity and follows three
2 great principles, Brotherly Love, Truth, and Charity; and

3 WHEREAS, The organization is composed of people from all walks of life and since its
4 inception, has provided support for many widows and orphans of Freemasons as well as others
5 within the community; and

6 WHEREAS, Charles L. Niles, Jr. was born on December 8, 1924, and for more than 65
7 years, has devotedly served the Masons in myriad capacities; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Niles began his illustrious service with the Masons serving as Master of
9 Charity Lodge #23 in 1953 and in 1973. In 1997, he was the Master of Franklin Lodge #20 in
10 Westerly, in 2005, he served as Master of Washington Lodge #5, and in 2018, he served as
11 Master of Adelphoi Lodge #33 in Riverside; and

12 WHEREAS, On a statewide level, Mr. Niles served as Grand High Priest of the Grand
13 Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in 2000-2001, and as High Priest
14 of York Rite Chapter, which is a grouping of separate Rites joined in order. In 2003, he was
15 named Grand Marshall of Masons for Rhode Island. He was also the Assistant Grand Lecturer of
16 the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the Past President of the Secretary Guild, and President of the
17 Candidate Forums; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Niles twice served as Commander of the Narragansett
19 Commandery and three times as the Illustrious Master of the Narragansett Council; and

1 WHEREAS, Charles Niles possesses exceptional knowledge, enviable leadership skills,
2 and devotion to service, and his accomplishments are eminently worthy of our recognition and
3 congratulations; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby commends Charles L. Niles, Jr. on his sixty-five years of dedicated service to the
6 Freemasons. We applaud his achievements and wish him the very best health and continued
7 success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Charles L. Niles, Jr.

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