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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIVERTON UNION PUBLIC
LIBRARY

Introduced By: Senators Felag, DiPalma, Seveney, Euer, and Coyne

Date Introduced: February 13, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The first meeting to establish what is now known as the Tiverton Union
2 Public Library was held on March 24, 1820, when a dedicated group of young men convened
3 with the noble purpose of founding a social library, which was to be named the Union Society;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Over the ensuing years, the location and name of the library changed a
6 number of times until the year 1896, when space was rented in a circa 1868 building located in
7 Tiverton's historic Four Corners District; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1914, through the generosity of the Pocasset Lodge of the Independent
9 Order of the Good Templars, the building was purchased by the library for one dollar, giving the
10 Tiverton Union Public Library its permanent home; and

11 WHEREAS, As an official branch of the Tiverton Library Services, the Union Public
12 Library provides excellent customer service and assistance through the service of professional
13 staff and technical assistance provided through its affiliation with the Tiverton Library Services;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In addition, the library's building and grounds are maintained and funded
16 through the Union Public Library Association (UPLA) and are fully supported by the benevolent
17 efforts of local volunteers who help people of all ages to discover a world of knowledge through
18 various programs and events; and

19 WHEREAS, The Union Public Library has helped to build a brighter and more enriching

1 and rewarding future for all who pass through its doors, and has ultimately enhanced the
2 economic vitality of our state; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby joins with the Tiverton Union Public Library's many friends in celebrating the 200th
5 Anniversary of the second oldest library in Newport County. We furthermore encourage all the
6 residents of Tiverton to visit the library to take advantage of the wonderful resources available,
7 and to thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Gayle Lawrence, President of the Union Public
11 Library Association.

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