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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. THOMAS COBB

Introduced By: Senators Blais, Paiva-Weed, Miller, P Fogarty, and DeVall

Date Introduced: March 03, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, To the very good fortune of many Rhode Island students, Dr. Thomas Cobb
2 teaches creative writing and literature at Rhode Island College. As a professor, he has had
3 tremendous influence over the paths taken by many young people, but as a writer, he has
4 achieved an extraordinary career that has earned him acclaim not only in Rhode Island, but
5 nationally, as well; and

6 WHEREAS, Quickly becoming a legend in the entertainment business, “Crazy Heart,”
7 the film based on the first novel written by Professor Cobb, has given audiences across the
8 country moments of amusement, moments of pause, and compelling emotions that linger long
9 after the film ends; and

10 WHEREAS, Critically acclaimed, the movie quickly landed two Golden Globe
11 nominations and has been nominated for three Academy Awards: Best Actor, Best Supporting
12 Actor, and Best Song. Professor Cobb was one of five finalists for the University of Southern
13 California’s Scriptor Awards, which honors the author of an original work; and

14 WHEREAS, First published in 1987, Harper Collins republished Crazy Heart on
15 February 2nd of 2010. Professor Cobb also authored “Shavetail,” which won the Spur Award in
16 2008 for best western novel over 90,000 words from the Western Writers of America, and was
17 selected as a finalist for the Texas Institute of Letters Jesse Jones Award for best book of fiction
18 in 2008; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition, Professor Cobb is the author of “Acts of Contrition,” a
20 collection of short stories, and his fourth book, “Blood in Their Eyes,” which is set to be

1 published in the spring of 2010; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Cobb is eminently deserving of the accolades and regard he has been
3 afforded and has fully distinguished himself as a person worthy of our recognition and
4 admiration; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby honors Dr. Thomas Cobb and warmly congratulates him for the myriad awards he has
7 attained. We furthermore extend our deepest appreciation for his enlightening and entertaining
8 insights and wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Thomas Cobb.

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