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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF "EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN'S DAY,"
HELD ANNUALLY IN COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Introduced By: Senator Juan M. Pichardo

Date Introduced: March 11, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Each year in March, "Extraordinary Women's Day" is celebrated. This
2 event honors the vast and important contributions women make each and every day towards
3 building better communities and assisting those in need; and

4 WHEREAS, "Extraordinary Women's Day" is a celebration of women and brings
5 together women of different ethnic origins, creeds, and religions who have made significant
6 contributions in the areas of education, professional and business development, community
7 involvement, cultural enrichment, health, politics, and home care; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2010 ceremony will bring Illinois State Senator Iris Y. Martinez to the
9 State of Rhode Island. The Honorable Iris Y. Martinez has served in the Illinois State Senate
10 since 2003 and represents a district on the North side of Chicago. Senator Martinez is a trailblazer
11 in many respects. She is the first woman elected to the Illinois State Senate and is the first Latina
12 to hold the position of Assistant Majority Leader. She is also the President of the National
13 Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NCHSL). She will be the keynote Speaker and will be
14 honored with the highest Extraordinary Women's Day award; and

15 WHEREAS, Other distinguished honorees in 2010 will be Doris Blanchard, Marilyn
16 Cepeda, Gertrude Jones, Loren Spears, Tamara Diaz, Eustakia Hernandez, Marisol Camilo, Ana
17 Novais, Adriana Vargas, Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts, and Extraordinary Woman for
18 the Future Petri Lopez; and

19 WHEREAS, Distinguished guests will include Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts,

1 Senate President M. Teresa Paiva Weed, Elizabeth Burgos, Executive Director of the National
2 Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NCHSL), Commissioner of Education Deborah Gist,
3 Senator Juan M. Pichardo, and Representative Grace Diaz; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby celebrates the 10th Anniversary of “Extraordinary Women’s Day,” held annually in
6 commemoration of International Women’s Day; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution the Honorable Iris Y. Martinez.

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