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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE LATE DONALD BOOTH FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2010
NEWPORT DAILY NEWS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Introduced By: Senators Paiva-Weed, DiPalma, C Levesque, Felag, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: April 13, 2010

Referred To: Senate read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The late Donald Booth of Newport was recently honored with a special
2 posthumous 2010 Newport Daily News Community Service Award; and

3 WHEREAS, Donald served with honor and distinction in the United States Army in
4 Korea and attended Brown University and Cornell University, receiving a degree in Hotel
5 Management in 1953; and

6 WHEREAS, Donald was a well-known activist and was a founding and leading member
7 of Concerned Citizens Against Casino Gambling since its inception in 1977. He spoke numerous
8 times at the State House and in the U.S. Congress to keep casino gambling out of the City of
9 Newport, ensuring the issue remained in the limelight for over 35 years; and

10 WHEREAS, After the death of his brother Frank, Donald was instrumental in founding
11 Island Hospice and Church Community Housing and was heavily involved in activities and
12 functions at Emmanuel Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Father Gordon Stenning of Emmanuel Church eulogized Donald's ability to
14 "fan the flames of grass roots efforts" and likened Donald's life "to the fire which begins to burn,
15 blazed hot and bright, then dies down, but sends its sparks out from the embers"; and

16 WHEREAS, This award is a testament to Donald's commitment to helping others in need
17 and speaking out for justice. Donald's memory will live on in the works of the many people
18 whose lives he touched; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby recognizes the late Donald Booth for his special posthumous 2010 Newport Daily News
2 Community Service Award and honors his memory. Donald has left a legacy of humor,
3 hospitality, community activism, and a deep concern for suffering, and he shall be sorely missed;
4 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 family of Donald Booth.

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