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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE COLLEEN M. HASTINGS ON BEING
SELECTED GRAND MARSHAL OF THE 62ND ANNUAL NEWPORT ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARADE

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, and Euer

Date Introduced: April 11, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Being named Grand Marshal of the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade is a
2 highly enviable and exceptional tribute bestowed upon those who have exhibited outstanding
3 devotion and distinction within the community; and

4 WHEREAS, As a native of The City By The Sea, who possesses an unassuming nature
5 and an abundance of respect from her community, Colleen Hastings meets all the requirements of
6 being a true Newporter; and

7 WHEREAS, Exceptionally proud of her Irish heritage, Ms. Hastings has visited Ireland
8 eight or nine times and her grandparents were born in Ireland, making her a natural choice to
9 oversee the St. Patrick's Day festivities in Newport; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Hastings graduated from the University of Rhode Island, and
11 subsequently worked under Judge Francis Boyle who encouraged her to pursue a law degree. In
12 1991, she attained her Juris Doctor from Suffolk University Law School and started her own law
13 firm, the Family Law Center of Rhode Island; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2010, while serving as a magistrate in Family Court, Judge Hastings was
15 nominated to the District Court and was assigned to Newport. Consistently demonstrating utmost
16 respect and an intrinsic knowledge of the law, she presides over myriad arraignments, probation
17 reviews, and trials. In addition, she does volunteer work for Lucy's Hearth and the Women's
18 Resource Center; and

19 WHEREAS, Loved by her family, respected by her peers and a multitude of admirers,

1 and deeply devoted to the community, Colleen Hastings is an exceptional lady who is truly
2 deserving of the gratitude and recognition she has been afforded; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby congratulates the Honorable Colleen Hastings on being named Grand Marshal of the 62nd
5 Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade, and in the words of a famous Irish saying:

6 "May your neighbors respect you, troubles neglect you, the angels protect you, and
7 Heaven accept you"; 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 the Honorable Colleen Hastings.

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