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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DAVE MCLAUGHLIN ON BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF THE
2014 NEWPORT DAILY NEWS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, DiPalma, Ottiano, and Felag

Date Introduced: April 09, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Newport Daily News established a "Community Service Award" in
2 1996 on the paper's 150th Anniversary celebration in order to recognize and encourage
3 volunteerism within the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Chosen as one of this year's recipients of the prestigious award, Dave
5 McLaughlin spent the first dozen or so years of his life surfing the waves in beautiful Hawaii. At
6 the end of eighth grade, he moved to Newport to live with his father and fell in love with the
7 City-By-The-Sea's magnificent Atlantic Ocean coastline; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Rogers High School, Dave enrolled at Florida's
9 Institute of Technology, where he studied mathematics. With the thought of one day becoming a
10 meteorologist, he attended graduate school where he studied atmospheric science and physical
11 oceanography and subsequently returned to Newport in 1996; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2006, Dave, along with a couple dozen of his fellow surfers, upset by
13 local disagreements over public beach access, decided to plan a protest. When asked the group's
14 name, Dave and his buddies decided to take it to the next level and to the very good fortune of
15 beach lovers everywhere, Clean Ocean Access was formed; and

16 WHEREAS, What began as a protest about public access to Newport's beaches soon
17 morphed into broad advocacy for, and countless hours volunteering to clean up the community's
18 beaches, testing water-quality, and the overall protection of one of the city's most precious
19 resources; and

1 WHEREAS, By day, Dave works for Hasbro in the field of information technology, but
2 his loyalty and commitment to the waters surrounding Aquidneck Island have never ebbed.
3 Dave's dedication has earned him the unqualified admiration and respect of the community and
4 he is a true role model for us all; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby congratulates and honors Dave McLaughlin on being selected as one of the 2014 Newport
7 Daily News Community Service Award winners. His years of ecological activism and devotion
8 to Newport's shoreline and the community are an inspiration to us all; and be 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 Mr. Dave McLaughlin.

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