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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING MARY SULLIVAN, PH.D., R.N., ON HER ELECTION AS A
"FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NURSING"

Introduced By: Senators Maher, Blais, Algieri, Bates, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: June 02, 2010

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The very nature of the nursing profession demands rigorous and continuous
2 academic development. For both the student and the professor, the challenges are countless, but
3 the rewards are life-changing and life-saving; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Mary Sullivan graduated from Salve Regina College with a
5 baccalaureate degree in nursing, and then earned her graduate degree and doctor of philosophy
6 degree in nursing at the University of Nebraska and the University of Rhode Island, respectively;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Under a new five-year grant, Dr. Sullivan is conducting a research program
9 that examines the developmental outcomes of premature infants. Currently, it is the only study of
10 its kind to examine the impact of prematurity, medical history, and environments on achievement
11 and concerns through young adulthood; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan has authored and co-authored numerous articles on a panoply
13 of issues and health concerns relating to premature birth. She has also taught undergraduate
14 courses in childbearing and reproductive health, and has led graduate courses in research methods
15 and concept development; and

16 WHEREAS, In the field of nursing and healthcare, there exist many awards and honors
17 bestowed upon those individuals whose leadership and dedication are extraordinary. Dr. Sullivan
18 has been the recipient of a plethora of commendations, but perhaps none are as prestigious as an
19 invitation to become a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN Fellow); and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to recognizing Dr. Sullivan’s past accomplishments, becoming
2 an AAN Fellow requires an enormous commitment of time and energies to continually improve
3 America’s health care system. This prestigious achievement is eminently worthy of our
4 acknowledgment and gratitude; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby commends and applauds Dr. Mary Sullivan on her election as a “Fellow of the American
7 Academy of Nursing.” We celebrate her accomplishments and extend to her our best wishes for
8 her continued success; 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 Mary Sullivan, Ph.D., R.N.

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