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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOGARTY
FARM IN GLOCESTER, RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: June 22, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In May of 1918, John P. Fogarty, a bricklayer, and his wife Cora Whelan
2 Fogarty and their five children, William, Margaret, John, T. Frank and Ray, left the bustling
3 urban environs of Providence for the woods of Glocester, and in 1920 welcomed the 6th member
4 of the family, the Honorable Charles Fogarty, who was born at the farm, served with distinction
5 in the Rhode Island State Senate, and would be the father of two future Rhode Island State
6 Senators; and

7 WHEREAS, Leaving a brick bungalow with all the comforts of civilization, including
8 central heat, electricity and indoor plumbing, the Fogarty family found themselves now living in a
9 farm house with no central heat, no electricity and no indoor plumbing, located on a dirt road
10 which was to be their home; and

11 WHEREAS, As an Irish, Catholic and Democratic family now living in a solidly
12 Yankee, Protestant, and Republican small town, they soon found that not everyone welcomed
13 their arrival, as when the local Ku Klux Klan burned a cross at Fogarty Farm one Saturday night
14 during the 1920's; and

15 WHEREAS, The Fogarty family was undaunted. They persevered and expanded the farm
16 and became actively involved in the community, helping to establish the Harmony Fire
17 Department, the local Democratic Party and the Glocester Lions Club, among several
18 organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, Although normally a reliably Republican town, the citizens of Glocester

1 over the past one hundred years have elected four members of the Fogarty family to the Town
2 Council, sent three members to the Rhode Island State Senate, one member to the Rhode Island
3 House of Representatives, one member to serve as Lt. Governor of Rhode Island, and one
4 member to serve in the United States Congress; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout this distinguished history, Fogarty Farm has served as a
6 gathering place for family, friends and people of all political persuasions and backgrounds at
7 numerous parties, community events and celebrations; and

8 WHEREAS, Our colleague, the Honorable Senator Paul Fogarty, is the current steward
9 of Fogarty Farm and his children are now the 4th generation to have lived there; and

10 WHEREAS, May of 2018 marks the centenary of the establishment of Fogarty Farm in
11 Glocester; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby recognizes this milestone and momentous occasion and expresses its hope that Fogarty
14 Farm will continue to thrive in the next one hundred years; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Paul W. Fogarty and Family.

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