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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2003

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING RICHARD A. ROULEAU ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 33 YEARS
OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE WARWICK SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

Introduced By: Senator James C. Sheehan

Date Introduced: May 21, 2003

Referred To: Senate held on desk

1 WHEREAS, Assistant Superintendent of Warwick Schools, Richard A. Rouleau is
2 retiring after 33 years of outstanding service to the Warwick School Department; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Pawtucket, Mr. Rouleau attended Notre Dame Elementary School,
4 Sacred Heart Academy and Rhode Island College, where he earned a B.A. in History. He earned
5 two Masters Degrees in Education at Providence College, one in Guidance and Counseling and
6 the other in Administration; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1964, Richard Rouleau led the State as captain of his high school
8 basketball team, averaging 26.7 points per game and was named first team All State and Catholic
9 All-American. He was a member of the Rhode Island College basketball team, serving as its
10 Captain in both his junior and senior years. He scored 2,183 points during his four-year college
11 career, averaging over 27 points per game. He received the Jusczyk Award for Sportsmanship,
12 and, in 1990 was inducted into the Rhode Island College Athletic Hall of Fame. He served as
13 president of the Rhode Island Association of Basketball Coaches from 1978 to 1980 and was
14 inducted into the Rhode Island Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1991; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Rouleau was a teacher and Head Basketball Coach at St. Raphael
16 Academy and also taught for the Upward Bound Federal Summer Program from 1968 to 1970.
17 He was a teacher and Head Basketball Coach at Pilgrim High School, and supervised the Brown
18 University Intern Program. He served as a Guidance Counselor at Pilgrim High School, Assistant
19 Principal and Principal at Warwick Veterans Memorial High School, and was named Assistant

1 Superintendent of Warwick Public Schools in 2000; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Rouleau is a member of numerous educational committees, and has
3 volunteered and served in several positions at Warwick Municipal Employees Credit Union. He
4 instituted several educational initiatives while Principal at Veterans and implemented numerous
5 improvements to its physical plant. His innovative alternative educational programs have resulted
6 in the first working middle school model and has significantly reduced the dropout and
7 suspension rate at Veteran's High School; and

8 WHEREAS, Assistant Superintendent Rouleau is a member of the National Association
9 of Secondary School Principals, the Rhode Island Association of School Principals, the Warwick
10 Principals Association, the Rhode Island Association of School Administrators, and the
11 Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; and

12 WHEREAS, After 33 years with the Warwick School Department as a Teacher,
13 Guidance Counselor, Coach, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Assistant Superintendent, Mr.
14 Rouleau has decided to retire. An educational leader with a unique combination of intelligence,
15 charisma, and experience, Mr. Rouleau has established a reputation for problem solving by his
16 ability to discover the best in everyone. He has touched many lives and is admired for his genuine
17 interest in motivating his students to succeed; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby congratulates this extraordinary educator on the occasion of his retirement and wishes
20 him, his wife Mary and daughter Betsy the very best health and future happiness; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Richard A. Rouleau.

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