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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING HERB MEISTER ON RECEIVING A 2012 NEWPORT DAILY NEWS
"COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD"

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, DiPalma, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: April 24, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Newport Daily News Community Service Award annually honors
2 individuals who have contributed greatly to the community with years of dedicated, unselfish
3 service. One of the 2012 recipients is Herb Meister; and

4 WHEREAS, Herb Meister was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and moved to Rhode
5 Island to attend Bryant College after serving a short stint in the United States Air Force. He
6 settled in Providence and became the co-owner of a jewelry business. Over the years, he lived in
7 Providence, Pawtucket, and Warwick. Shortly after retiring from the jewelry business, he and his
8 wife, Melba, who passed away three years ago, bought a condominium on Goat Island, where he
9 lives today; and

10 WHEREAS, A trip to Israel in 1994 sparked in Herb a desire to help others. Upon
11 returning home, Herb contacted the Jewish Federation of Rhode Island, asking how he could
12 help. Since then, he has visited the sick and elderly in nursing homes, helped launch a statewide
13 Potato Latke Day, helped provide funding to the needy through the Hebrew Free Loan
14 Association, and personally sewed, sanded, and glued together 200 wooden menorahs and
15 distributed them to nursing homes and assisted living centers; and

16 WHEREAS, Herb still regularly visits seniors in nursing homes and the Veterans Home
17 in Bristol. According to Ethan Adler, Assistant Director of Jewish Eldercare of Rhode Island,
18 who wrote a letter nominating Herb Meister for the Community Service Award, Herb exemplifies
19 the ancient Jewish dictum "you shall not separate yourself from the community" and acts as a

1 “beacon of light, illuminating the path of volunteerism for others to follow”; now, therefore be it
2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby congratulates Herb Meister on receiving a 2012 Newport Daily News Community Service
4 Award. We thank him for making Newport County a better place to work and live; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Herb Meister.

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