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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING BETH MILHAM FOR 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 Beth Milham; and

4 WHEREAS, Beth Milham, a Newport resident and retired nurse, grew up in the Boston
5 area and moved to Rhode Island in 1972 when her husband, Russ, then a United States Navy
6 Lieutenant, was transferred to Newport. They decided to stay and became very involved in a
7 variety of social and environmental causes; and

8 WHEREAS, Beth was the co-founder of Aquidneck Island Ecology in the 1970s and
9 helped organize the first Harvest Fair at the Norman Bird Sanctuary in Middletown, where she
10 was a docent in the education program; and

11 WHEREAS, Beth has served in many roles at Channing Memorial Church and helped
12 start the Green Neighborhood Energy Challenge, a result of the 2007 “Step it up” climate change
13 education program. She has also served on the Newport Energy and Environment Commission
14 and helped organize a 2009 energy expo that featured 75 exhibitors and drew over 400 visitors to
15 Easton’s Beach; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to her work to preserve and protect our environment, Beth is a
17 very passionate and active supporter of gay rights. She formed a local “Straight But Not Narrow
18 Coalition,” has worked tirelessly on behalf of AIDS education and awareness, and helped bring
19 the “NAMES” project, quilts bearing the names of those who died from AIDS, to local schools;

1 now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby congratulates Beth Milham for receiving a 2012 Newport Daily News Community Service
4 Award. We applaud her contributions to Newport County and her example of service to others;
5 and be it 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 Ms. Beth Milham.

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