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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING THOMAS E. GREENE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATHANAEL GREENE
HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATION

Introduced By: Senators Shibley, Kettle, Miller, Felag, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: April 25, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In serving as President of the Board of Trustees of the Nathanael Greene
2 Homestead Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization that oversees General Greene's
3 Homestead, Thomas E. Greene has devoted his considerable talents and energy to preserving and
4 perpetuating the achievements and homestead of one of Rhode Island's greatest Revolutionary
5 War heroes, General Nathanael Greene; and

6 WHEREAS, General Nathanael Greene was born in Warwick in 1742. With no formal
7 education, he was trained by his father to be an ironmaster. As war between the colonies and
8 Britain escalated, Greene was appointed General of the Army of Observation by the Rhode Island
9 General Assembly. Congress later appointed Greene as Brigadier General of the Continental
10 Army and eventually as Major General; and

11 WHEREAS, As General Washington's second-in-command and a noted war strategist,
12 General Greene was involved in many of the war's major battles. After returning from the war,
13 General Greene built Spell Hall, what has historically become known as the "Homestead"; and

14 WHEREAS, With an astounding background of historical insights and knowledge,
15 Thomas Greene was immensely well-suited to assume the challenges of renovating and
16 highlighting the "Homestead" and the accomplishments of its esteemed inhabitants. He is the
17 North Providence Town Historian, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, a member
18 of the John Russell Bartlett Society, a philatelist and volunteer Curator of Brown University's
19 stamp collection; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to his work at the Homestead and his many affiliations, Mr.
2 Greene has devoted a generous portion of his life to educating today's populace on myriad
3 additional fronts. He is a music teacher for the City of Warwick's public schools and an Adjunct
4 Professor teaching Jazz History and Introduction to Music at the Community College of Rhode
5 Island. He has also served as the Musical Director of the La Salle Celtic Arts Club; and

6 WHEREAS, After twenty-six years of service, Mr. Thomas Greene is retiring as
7 President of the Board of Trustees, and in doing so, he leaves a proud legacy of consistently
8 demonstrating an abiding passion for his stewardship not only over General Nathanael Greene's
9 homestead and memory, but also for our state's rich and significant history; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby joins his wife, Barbara, and his many friends and admirers in recognizing and thanking
12 Thomas E. Greene on the occasion of his retirement after twenty-six years of steadfast and
13 dedicated service as President of the Board of Trustees of the General Nathanael Greene
14 Homestead Association. We wish him good health, fulfillment, and continued success in all his
15 future endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Thomas E. Greene.

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