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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING GREG GERRITT ON RECEIVING AN ENVIRONMENTAL MERIT
AWARD FROM THE NEW ENGLAND OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXCEPTIONAL WORK AND
COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT IN 2011

Introduced By: Senator Rhoda E. Perry

Date Introduced: May 01, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Greg Gerritt has devoted his life to the protection of the environment and
2 the preservation of our natural resources. He grew up in New York City, but developed an early
3 affinity for and appreciation of the woods and nature. He regularly visited the Bronx Zoo and the
4 American Museum of Natural History as a child and became interested in science and using
5 science to preserve the environment; and

6 WHEREAS, Greg organized his high school for the first Earth Day and has been
7 immersed in the greening of America ever since. His academic background is in evolutionary
8 biology and anthropology, but he decided that a life of living in and working with nature was
9 preferable to an academic career. He has built an award-winning solar house and an amazing
10 woodlot, works daily with soil and compost to improve garden fertility, and has run a successful
11 social carpentry business; and

12 WHEREAS, Greg moved with his wife to Providence to be closer to aging parents. He
13 currently works part-time for the Environmental Council of Rhode Island. He organizes events,
14 talks in schools, and coordinates efforts to build community support for the preservation of our
15 environment and precious natural resources. For his hard work and commitment to these noble
16 ideals in 2011, he will receive an Environmental Merit Award from the New England Office of
17 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at Faneuil Hall in Boston on April 25,
18 2012; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby congratulates Mr. Greg Gerritt for receiving an Environmental Award from the EPA. We
3 thank him for his lifetime commitment to the protection and preservation of the environment and
4 our natural resources; and be it further

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

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