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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**HONORING BRUCE PAYTON FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO
THE TOWN OF GLOCESTER**

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Keable, and Winfield

Date Introduced: March 05, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Bruce Payton has exemplified the true spirit of civil service and
2 volunteerism by dedicating the past twenty-five years of his life to the betterment of the Town of
3 Gloucester; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Payton served as a Gloucester Land Trust trustee from April of 1988
5 through January of 2006, as well as the Land Trust Chairman from January of 2006 to the present
6 day; and

7 WHEREAS, In that capacity Mr. Payton led the Land Trust in the acquisition and
8 management of over 2,500 acres of land, secured federal, state, and nonprofit grants, developed a
9 26-acre wildlife habitat, expanded the town's open spaces program to encourage residents and
10 visitors to engage in the use of this public land, and oversaw the design and layout of trails and
11 timber management programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Payton served on the Conservation Commission as a member from
13 January of 1988 to March of 1991, and then as chairman of the Commission from January of
14 1993 to January of 2004. Mr. Payton actively shaped the development of Gloucester's Recycling
15 Program; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Payton faithfully served as the Deputy Tree Warden of Gloucester from
17 May of 1988 through January of 2003, where he worked on the development of 117 acres from
18 the "Green Acres" property, utilizing best-practices of forest management to harvest timber.
19 Proceeds from the sale of this timber were used to fund the preparation and construction of

1 fitness/hiking trails and fitness stations throughout the land area; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Payton has dutifully served as the town's Tree Warden from January of
3 2003 to the present, and has overseen the acquisition and administration of over \$160,000 in tree
4 planting and maintenance projects and also developed the town's "Tree Care" program, which
5 assists in the drafting of ordinances that created and promoted the local Tree Board. Mr. Payton
6 also has oversight of the "right-of-way" utility line clearing projects; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Payton has been a primary facilitator in gaining \$3,192,158 in grant
8 money over the course of his faithful years of volunteer service; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
10 Providence Plantations hereby formally congratulates and offers its sincerest gratitude to Mr.
11 Bruce Payton for all of his years of hard work and dedication for the environmental wellbeing of
12 the Town of Glocester and northwestern Rhode Island at-large; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Bruce Payton.

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