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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA ON HIS SECOND TERM
INAUGURATION AS THE 44TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Metts, Miller, Felag, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 12, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Ralph Waldo Emerson once stated, "Nothing great was ever achieved
2 without enthusiasm," and as millions of Americans made the pilgrimage to the nation's capital,
3 and millions more sat in front of their televisions, mesmerized by the unfolding events, America
4 beheld the hope, the magnitude, and the absolute truth of those words; and

5 WHEREAS, On January 20th of 2009, the world stood witness to history in the making as
6 Barack Hussein Obama, II, was inaugurated as the first African American and the 44th President
7 of the United States of America, the world was captivated, as well, on January 21, 2013, as
8 millions watched the public swearing in of President Barack Obama for his second term; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stated, "A genuine leader is not a searcher for
10 consensus but a molder of consensus." President Barack Obama has been a leader who has
11 dedicated his life to awakening the consciousness and empowering those underserved in America;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The son of an immigrant father from Kenya and a white mother from
14 Kansas, Barack Obama grew up in Hawaii, Indonesia, and the Continental United States, and is a
15 graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School; and

16 WHEREAS, Barack Obama became President of the Harvard Law Review, taught
17 constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School, but most importantly, as a
18 community organizer, he empowered many of the people in Chicago's neighborhoods to envision
19 and build a brighter future; and

1 WHEREAS, As a United States Senator, Barack Obama was introduced to the national
2 public at the Democratic National Convention in 2004, where he provided the keynote address,
3 and brought himself national acclaim for his ability to enlighten and motivate; and

4 WHEREAS, As a candidate for president, and throughout the months to follow, Barack
5 Obama displayed the intelligence and vision, the charisma and warmth, and the down-to-earth
6 humanity that eventually earned him the faith and confidence of this nation; and

7 WHEREAS, President Obama's ascension is a significant milestone in this country's
8 struggle for racial equality, as well as a richly deserved personal achievement, and his munificent
9 accomplishments are an inspiration to all people, especially during these difficult times; and

10 WHEREAS, President Obama has renewed the sense, within our fellow citizens, that all
11 things are possible if we work hard enough to achieve them. He reminds us of the strength we
12 have in our union, and reassures us that though the road may not always be easy, we will endure
13 and we will get through this crisis; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby congratulates President Barack Hussein Obama on his second term of office as the 44th
16 President of the United States of America. As the first African-American to hold the highest
17 office in this country, he continues to carry with him the hopes and dreams of a nation that is
18 facing historic economic challenges. By the example of his achievements, we can think of no one
19 who holds the trust and confidence of this country closer to his heart, and we look forward to a
20 productive and successful future for all Americans; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, Barack
23 Obama.

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