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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING SYDNEY CULBERTSON FOR BEING NAMED THE RICHMOND
GRANGE 2013 COMMUNITY SERVICE "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, and Cool Rumsey

Date Introduced: March 27, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, For her dedication to young people and education, Sydney Culbertson has
2 been named the 2013 "Teacher of the Year" by the Richmond Grange. This recognition is a
3 momentous tribute to an exceptional individual who has had a significant and profound impact on
4 the lives of her students; and

5 WHEREAS, Combining a genuine love of teaching with boundless generosity, Sydney
6 Culbertson has led young people through the intricacies and nuances of growing up. She guides
7 her students to become effective and contributing members of the community, thereby facilitating
8 their lifelong success; and

9 WHEREAS, Sydney's dream of becoming a teacher began at a very young age, when she
10 was inspired by her elementary school teachers to help others. While in elementary school she
11 volunteered as a unified partner at the Special Olympics and continued her support throughout her
12 middle school, high school, and college years. She was named the 2003 Unified Partner of the
13 Year, and has been a coach for all of the Special Olympics sports. Sydney is currently in charge
14 of the young athletes program; and

15 WHEREAS, These experiences encouraged Sydney to become a Special Education
16 teacher. Sydney graduated from Rhode Island College and started working at the Wickford
17 Middle School with the Special Education students. Originally working with an Enhanced Life
18 Program, she is currently in charge of the Alternative Learning Program; and

19 WHEREAS, Through all her actions, Sydney demonstrates her great love, not only for

1 the students that she teaches, but also for the young athletes that she coaches in the Special
2 Olympics; and

3 WHEREAS, Sydney Culbertson's positive impact on her students' lives has certainly
4 qualified her as one of the "best of the best" in the state, and she has wholly distinguished herself
5 as a person worthy of our praise and admiration; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby congratulates and honors Sydney Culbertson on being named the 2013 Teacher of the
8 Year by the Richmond Grange #6, and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sydney Culbertson.

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