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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CAROL AND BILLY RATHBUN ON BEING NAMED THE 2013  
"GRANGERS OF THE YEAR"  
BY THE RICHMOND GRANGE

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: April 04, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Carol and Billy Rathbun, outstanding members of the community, have  
2 received the prestigious honor of being named "Grangers of the Year" by the Richmond Grange.  
3 This award is presented to those individuals who are deeply committed to the betterment of their  
4 community; and

5           WHEREAS, A member of the Grange since 2004, Carol has held the offices of Lecturer  
6 and Chaplain and currently serves as of the Women's Activity and Publicity Chairwomen. Billy  
7 joined in 2002 with their youngest son, Greg. He currently holds the office of Steward and is the  
8 Agriculture Chairman; and

9           WHEREAS, Carol and Billy have been active members in the 4H, first as children  
10 themselves and then later when they had sons of their own. They continue to work with the 4H,  
11 every year volunteering at the corned beef and cabbage dinner fundraiser, supervising the auction  
12 and penny social table, preparing food, and working the clean up crew; and

13           WHEREAS, Their participation in 4H led them to the Washington County Fair. Carol  
14 and Billy are both extremely active in running the fair. Together they operate the swine obstacle  
15 course. In addition, Carol is assistant superintendent of the swine show and volunteers in the fair  
16 office, where she oversees ticket sales. Billy is on the executive committee for the fair, helping  
17 out wherever he is needed; and

18           WHEREAS, Always making themselves available, Carol and Billy both volunteer at the

1 Foster Fair and the Southern Rhode Island 4H Fair with the swine department, and at Celebrate  
2 East Greenwich Day, where they prepare food for the chicken barbeque. Billy is currently on the  
3 zoning board for the Town of West Greenwich and Carol volunteers at the West Greenwich  
4 Rabies Clinic. They both volunteer and help to run all of the Grange's public suppers, annual  
5 Christmas bazaar, Sandwich Barn, and a variety of other events that occur during the year; now,  
6 therefore be it

7           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
8 hereby congratulates Carol and Billy Rathbun on being named the 2013 "Grangers of the Year"  
9 by the Richmond Grange. We commend them for their many extraordinary achievements and  
10 contributions, and wish them continued health, happiness, and success in all their future  
11 endeavors; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Carol and Billy Rathbun.

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