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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE OCEAN HOUSE ON EARNING THE COVETED FORBES
TRAVEL GUIDE FIVE STAR HOTEL DESIGNATION

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, Paiva Weed, Gallo, Lynch, and Walaska

Date Introduced: April 23, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, They are the cream of the crop, the best of the best, the top of the hill. From
2 the staff's courtesy and manners towards guests to the cleanliness and luxury of the
3 accommodations, the Ocean House in scenic Watch Hill is a feather in the cap of Rhode Island's
4 tourism industry; and

5 WHEREAS, One of only three hotels in New England and one of only a half dozen
6 seasonal resorts in the world, the Ocean House has earned a brilliant review and the exclusive
7 five star rating from Forbes Travel Guide. Out of the nearly 20,000 hotels in the world that are
8 inspected and rated each year, only a handful of hotels will have gained this recognition in 2013;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, No simple feat, the awarding of the coveted five star designation requires a
11 hotel to undergo rigorous incognito inspections over a period of three days and two nights by
12 Forbes Travel Guide inspectors who perform their evaluations based on more than 750 criteria;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Ocean House is also featured as one of the memorable destinations on
15 the Northeast Relais & Châteaux Route du Bonheur. Often called the "Route of Happiness," this
16 preferred travel itinerary promises to stimulate a traveler's senses and provide "enchanted
17 memories to last a lifetime"; and

18 WHEREAS, The best hotels in the world are those that stand out and create an
19 unforgettable experience for their guests. The Ocean House is a sublimely elegant and

1 comfortable seaside retreat that combines to-die-for scenic vistas with world-class
2 accommodations and a commitment to excellence from a dedicated staff that not only fulfills
3 guests' requests but also anticipates their needs with every amenity imaginable; now, therefore be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby congratulates and applauds the owners, management, and staff of the beautiful Ocean
7 House for attaining a coveted five star hotel designation from Forbes Travel Guide. We
8 furthermore extend best wishes for a full house and continued success; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Myrna George, President & CEO of The South
11 County Tourism Council.

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