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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING NISA VILLAREAL ON BEING NAMED THE 2013
"DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMAN OF RI"**

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Paiva Weed, Metts, and Felag

Date Introduced: May 07, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Founded in 1958 in Mobile, Alabama, Distinguished Young Women is the
2 largest and oldest national scholarship program for high school girls. During its 56-year history,
3 the program has provided life-changing experiences for more than 730,000 young women and last
4 year, provided more than \$108 million in cash and college scholarship opportunities to program
5 participants at the local, state, and national levels; and

6 WHEREAS, Locally, Distinguished Young Women of RI is a nonprofit scholarship
7 program that rewards and recognizes the excellence of young women who are high school seniors
8 in Rhode Island; and

9 WHEREAS, Judged on outstanding academic achievement, leadership skills, talent, and
10 community service, five high school seniors from Rhode Island competed to represent the state as
11 the Distinguished Young Woman of RI for 2013; and

12 WHEREAS, On March 3rd, Nisa Villareal, the daughter of Lisa Villareal and a graduating
13 senior at Johnston High School, earned the prestigious title of Distinguished Young Woman of
14 RI and was awarded \$1,400 in cash scholarships; and

15 WHEREAS, Nisa possesses incredible school spirit and has been extremely involved in
16 myriad activities within her school community. She is an officer on the National Honor Society
17 and the Student Council, a member of both the Big Brother/Big Sister and SADD groups, was the
18 cheerleading team captain, a member of the Captains Council, and organized the school blood
19 drive and food drives, to name just a few of her many activities; and

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of 2013, Nisa will represent Rhode Island at various public
2 events. She will serve as a role model to young people in our state by spreading the program's
3 national outreach message of "Be Your Best Self," which is "designed to encourage self-esteem
4 and excellence in all young people through its five principles: Be Healthy, Be Involved, Be
5 Studious, Be Ambitious, and Be Responsible"; and

6 WHEREAS, In June of this year, Nisa will compete with 49 other state representatives
7 for over \$150,000 in cash scholarships at the 56th National Finals Competition to be held in
8 Mobile, Alabama; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
10 hereby congratulates Nisa Villareal on being named the 2013 Distinguished Young Woman of RI
11 and wishes her the very best of luck in the upcoming national competition; 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 Ms. Nisa Villareal.

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