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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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SENATE RESOLUTION

THANKING MARY DONNELLY FOR HER 54 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE IN THE  
NURSING PROFESSION AND HER COMMITMENT TO A HEALTHY BLOCK ISLAND  
COMMUNITY

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: May 30, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, To the extreme good fortune of the citizens of Block Island, Mary Donnelly  
2 has been the town's resident nurse for the past fifty-four years. She is also the administrator of  
3 the Mary D. Fund, a charity she created to provide year-round inhabitants of the tiny island with  
4 much needed financial help during the harsh winter months; and

5           WHEREAS, Striving to make a positive difference in the healthcare of New Shoreham's  
6 populace, Ms. Donnelly, an 85-year-old mother of seven, gave grants totaling \$50,000 to  
7 roughly 30 percent of the island's 1,000 residents. She paid bills as big as a home mortgage and  
8 as small as a ferry ticket to the mainland; and

9           WHEREAS, The Mary D. Fund is not subsidized by the government or local taxes but  
10 instead, relies totally on individual donations and grants. By not accepting federal or state  
11 monies, Ms. Donnelly has been able to ensure that the money goes to those who are truly in need;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Mary Donnelly embodies the incredible love, compassion, and spirit of  
14 cheerful dedication to her patients that are the true hallmarks of the nursing profession. She  
15 epitomizes the best in civic duty and her kindness and expertise with those in need is exemplary;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, Eminently worthy of our gratitude and a long and happy retirement, Mary

1 Donnelly “is an inspiring figure who can teach us a lot about how to help our friends and  
2 neighbors.” Her commitment to nursing is renowned and her devotion to the community of  
3 Block Island has been unwavering and heartfelt; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
5 hereby thanks Mary Donnelly for more than five decades of conscientious and passionate service  
6 in the nursing profession and her commitment to a healthy Block Island community. We  
7 furthermore wish Mary continued health, joy, and fulfillment in all her future endeavors; and be it  
8 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 Mary Donnelly.

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