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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD, PEACE DALE

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: June 20, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Church of God, located in Peace Dale, was born out of a request made
2 by the late Annie Potter during a revival meeting at Providence's Salem Avenue Church of God,
3 the place where she met Elder William W. White. Upon seeing a small, unused church on
4 Kingston Road, Elder White consented to come from his hometown in Maryland to open the
5 doors of the Church of God, Kingston, in September, 1928. For the next decade, W. W. White led
6 the church, moving about the community on foot and carrying out a ministry of healing and
7 evangelism which effectively influenced and impacted the lives of many; and

8 WHEREAS, It was under the leadership of Rev. Harold S. Mars that the congregation
9 moved to its present place of worship on Allens Avenue. With a beautiful facility, strong
10 ministry, and growing congregation, The First Church of God, Peace Dale, emerged as a vital part
11 of the local community; and

12 WHEREAS, Peace Dale First Church of God is now a place full of warm, loving, down-
13 to-earth and diverse people who desire to live out and share the peace of Christ. As a multi-
14 cultural congregation, church members deeply value relationships and unity. They firmly believe
15 that the peace of Jesus brings people of all ages, all races, and all backgrounds together into a
16 single family; and

17 WHEREAS, The eighty-five year history of ministry, leadership, and stewardship of the
18 men and women of the First Church of God testify to its rich Christian heritage. The community
19 has benefited from the contributions of this diverse body through the years, and the many pastors

1 and leaders who have emerged from this congregation to serve the church's mission in other
2 countries mean that its blessings are truly felt throughout the world; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby congratulates the First Church of God, Peace Dale, on the occasion of the eighty-fifth
5 anniversary of its founding. We wish the church, its leaders, and its congregation continued
6 spiritual success and many more years of community enrichment and service; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Pastor Angela Sagesse, First Church of God,
9 Peace Dale.

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