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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS, THE BLACKSTONE VALLEY  
TOURISM COUNCIL, AND TROOP 3 OF THE NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL OF THE BOY  
SCOUTS OF AMERICA ON THE OPENING OF RIVER ISLAND CAMPGROUND

Introduced By: Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley

Date Introduced: June 25, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, On a small island, nestled on the Blackstone River, in the tiny urban City of  
2 Central Falls, a unique concept, conceived in the spirited exchanges of Leadership Central Falls  
3 and nurtured by optimism and determination, came to fruition on June 14<sup>th</sup> of 2013, when the  
4 River Island Campground opened for its inaugural season of campfires and cookouts, sleeping  
5 under the stars, and communing with nature; and

6           WHEREAS, River Island Campground is the very first urban campground in Rhode  
7 Island and only the 5<sup>th</sup> in the United States. Located adjacent to River Island Park, the 4.5 acres  
8 of sublimely serene wilderness were developed through a collaboration among the City of Central  
9 Falls, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, and Troop 3 of the Narragansett Council of the  
10 Boy Scouts of America; and

11           WHEREAS, Usage of the facilities will be closely monitored, with camping open to  
12 organized groups such as the Boy and Girl Scouts, the YMCA and YWCA, the Boys & Girls  
13 Clubs, and local fish and rod clubs; and

14           WHEREAS, While lions and tigers and bears will most likely not be spotted at the River  
15 Island Campground, fun, fishing, and great times will be clearly visible and readily available;  
16 now, therefore be it

17           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
18 hereby congratulates Mayor James Diossa and the City of Central Falls, James Toomey and the  
19 Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, and the Boy Scouts of Troop 3 on the opening of the first

- 1 Rhode Island urban campground, River Island Campground; and be it further
- 2           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to James Toomey, Coordinator, Sustainable
- 4 Tourism Laboratory, Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.

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