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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

RELATING TO NEWPORT PELL BRIDGE SAFETY

Introduced By: Representatives Costa, and Valencia

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, The health, safety, and welfare of our citizens and visitors require that the
2 Newport Pell Bridge be safely equipped, operated, and maintained; and

3 WHEREAS, Safe passage over said bridge requires that Rhode Island law enforcement
4 officials strictly enforce laws prohibiting speeding and distracted driving thereon; and

5 WHEREAS, Safe passage further requires that a center median barrier be installed on
6 said bridge to prevent the rising number crossover collisions, as established by studies undertaken
7 by the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority; now therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That Rhode Island law enforcement officials be requested to enforce
9 strictly the laws prohibiting speeding and distracted driving on the Newport Pell Bridge, and that
10 the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority give priority to and forthwith install a center
11 median barrier on said bridge; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to send
13 certified copies of the foregoing resolution to the Superintendent of the State Police, the Police
14 Chiefs of Newport and Jamestown, and the Chairman of the Board of the Rhode Island Turnpike
15 and Bridge Authority.

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