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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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

**CONGRATULATING BRISTOL/WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT MELINDA L. THIES ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY YEARS
OF DISTINGUISHED AND DEVOTED SERVICE AS A SCHOOL TEACHER AND
EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR**

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Malik, and Marshall

Date Introduced: May 28, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Melinda L. Thies is retiring from her position as the Superintendent of
2 Schools for the Bristol/Warren Regional School District after many years as an innovative and
3 distinguished public school teacher and administrator; and

4 WHEREAS, Melinda L. Thies began her distinguished education career in September of
5 1984, when she was appointed to a teaching position as an English Arts Teacher at Martin Middle
6 School in East Providence, a position she held for sixteen years. In 2000, she decided to use her
7 significant talents to serve as an administrator within the public schools. After short stints as an
8 Administrative Intern to the East Providence Superintendent of Public Schools and as an English
9 Department Coordinator at the Martin Middle School in East Providence, Ms. Thies was selected
10 to serve as the Assistant Principal of Cranston West High School, a position she held for three
11 school years; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Thies' innovative management ideas, attention to detail, hard work, and
13 passion for ensuring that all children receive a high quality education were immediately noticed
14 by her peers and superiors. As a result, she was selected by the Cranston Public School
15 Department to serve as Principal of the Park View Middle School, a position she held for three
16 years before being selected in 2006 to serve as the Assistant Superintendent of the Bristol/Warren
17 Regional School District; and

18 WHEREAS, Since November 30, 2009, Ms. Thies has served the citizens of Bristol and

1 Warren as the Superintendent of the Bristol/Warren Regional School District. She has impressed
2 all who have observed her for her strenuous work ethic, integrity, diligence, and ability to work
3 cohesively with parents, teachers and students to ensure a safe and intellectually stimulating
4 environment that allows students to fully develop their natural abilities and to mature and grow
5 into good citizens and successful adults; and

6 WHEREAS, Superintendent Thies has served on numerous boards and committees and
7 assisted with a variety of charities including serving as a member of the Rhode Island School
8 Superintendent's Association Executive Board, a Trustee of the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk
9 Management Trust, a member of the East Bay Educational Collaborative, a member of the
10 Bristol/Warren Education Foundation Executive Board, and as a member of the Bristol Rotary
11 Club; and

12 WHEREAS, Superintendent Thies holds a Bachelor of Arts in English degree from the
13 University of Connecticut, a Master of Arts in Teaching degree from Rhode Island College, and a
14 Master of Education in Administration from Providence College. She is married to David Boyes
15 and is the mother of three children, the step-mother of several step-children, and is a
16 grandmother; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Melinda L. Thies on her retirement as
19 Superintendent of the Bristol/Warren Regional School District after thirty years of dedicated and
20 distinguished service as a teacher and administrator; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent,
23 Bristol/Warren Regional School District.

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