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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE DEDICATED RHODE ISLAND TEACHERS WHO SUCCEEDED
IN ATTAINING NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD
FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Lombardi, Metts, Felag, and Satchell

Date Introduced: March 12, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential
2 administered by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. It is a rigorous, peer-
3 reviewed process that ensures that board-certified teachers (NBCTs) have proven skills to
4 advance student achievement; and

5 WHEREAS, National Board Certification is an advanced teaching credential, requiring
6 that teachers analyze their teaching context and students' needs, submit videos of their teaching,
7 and provide student work samples that reflect growth and achievement, having demonstrated: (1)
8 A strong command of content; (2) The ability to design appropriate learning experiences that
9 advance student learning; (3) The use of assessments to inform instructional decision making; and
10 (4) Partnerships with colleagues, parents and the community; and

11 WHEREAS, Research has shown that students of National Board Certified Teachers
12 outperform their peers in other classrooms on achievement tests, and that schools and districts
13 with higher concentrations of NBCTs see marked improvements in their school culture,
14 collaboration and teacher retention; and

15 WHEREAS, Pursuit of Board Certification is a voluntary, intensive, structured program
16 that helps teachers find gaps in their teaching and improve their craft with the result that they are
17 better prepared to meet the needs of students, highlighting their role as learners, leaders and
18 collaborators; and

19 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island teachers who have achieved the advanced teaching

1 credential of their own volition, and committed themselves to the higher teaching standards that
2 Board certification requires are eminently worthy of our acclamation and recognition; now,
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby recognizes the significance of this important professional credential, and the high standard
6 of professional achievement it represents; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate hereby honors and congratulates the teachers from Rhode
8 Island schools who took it upon themselves to undertake the arduous task of pursuing National
9 Board Certification and succeeded. These Board-certified teachers have the thanks of this
10 Chamber and the State of Rhode Island for their efforts in furthering the profession of teaching,
11 and setting a standard worthy of all to pursue; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Commissioner of Education.

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