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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING SISTER LORRAINE MACPHERSON, HOLY UNION SISTERS, FOR SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO GOD AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Paiva Weed, Lombardi, Lynch, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 24, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Sr. Lorraine, Holy Union Sisters, is an exceptional individual who has had a
2 significant and profound impact on the spiritual and educational lives of numerous students and
3 parishioners, through her extraordinary commitment to education and serving God; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Lynn, Massachusetts, Sister Lorraine is the daughter of Robert and
5 Ida MacPherson and the sister of the late Robert MacPherson. Over the years, she has also had a
6 close relationship and has great respect for her stepfather, Alex; and

7 WHEREAS, After Sr. Lorraine's family moved to Chelsea, she attended Assumption
8 Grammar School where she first met members of the Holy Union Sisters; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Chelsea High School, Sister Lorraine entered the
10 Holy Union Sisters, pronounced her vows, and took the name Sister Therese Joseph. She later
11 returned to her baptismal name. She received her Bachelor's degree in education from Catholic
12 Teachers College and her Master's degree in Religious Education from St. Michael's College; and

13 WHEREAS, For almost twenty years, Sr. Lorraine directly touched the lives of hundreds
14 of youngsters entrusted to her leadership and guidance as a primary teacher in parish schools in
15 both Rhode Island and Massachusetts; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1969, Sister Lorraine served as the religious education coordinator in
17 Shirley, Massachusetts, and in 1971, served as the religious education coordinator at Notre Dame
18 Parish in Central Falls, and later, at the combined parishes of Notre Dame, Holy Trinity, and St.
19 Matthew's; and

1 WHEREAS, Sister Lorraine returned to teaching briefly before becoming the CCD
2 Coordinator at Notre Dame Church from 1972 until 1992. In 1997, she became the first Holy
3 Union Sister to assume the responsibilities of Pastoral Bereavement Minister at the Keefe Funeral
4 Home in Lincoln; and

5 WHEREAS, Today, Sister Lorraine continues to lend her hand at the Keefe Funeral
6 Home, prays the rosary, brings communion, and assists at the Saturday evening Mass at Forand
7 Manor; and

8 WHEREAS, Sr. Lorraine's laudable service through her spiritual values and love for
9 teaching and her parishioners has not only helped thousands of children to succeed, but has been
10 inspirational to her colleagues and a tremendous asset to the Holy Union Sisters and the
11 community; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby recognizes and honors Sr. Lorraine, Holy Union Sisters, for sixty-five years of devoted
14 service and for her commitment to spreading the charism of the Holy Union Sisters. We wish her
15 good health, spiritual fulfillment, and continued success; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and direct to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sr. Lorraine MacPherson.

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