

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**RECOGNIZING CATHERINE PAQUETTE FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND CONGRATULATING HER ON THE OCCASION OF  
HER RETIREMENT**

Introduced By: Senator Michael J. McCaffrey

Date Introduced: March 24, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, For almost thirty-six years, the fortunate citizens of the Ocean State have  
2           been the beneficiaries of the abiding dedication to excellence that Catherine Paquette has always  
3           brought to her work as a valued employee of the State of Rhode Island; and

4           WHEREAS, Catherine Paquette, better known as "Cathy" by her family and many  
5           friends, began her distinguished career in public service on March 11th of 1979. During her state  
6           service, she has held myriad positions including, Senior Clerk, Senior Clerk Typist, and  
7           Eligibility Technician; and

8           WHEREAS, During her tenure in state employment, Cathy has also been a strong  
9           advocate for her fellow workers. She has held numerous union leadership positions with Local  
10          2882, Department of Human Services, RI Council 94, AFSCME, including serving as Steward  
11          from 1980 through 1985, Vice-President from 1985 through 1990, and President from 1990 until  
12          2014. In addition, she has been a member of the Rhode Island Council Executive Board and had  
13          served as Treasurer until her retirement; and

14          WHEREAS, In addition to the copious hours Cathy has devoted to her job and her union  
15          responsibilities, she and her husband of forty-nine years, Roger, make their home in the City of  
16          Warwick, and she is the loving mother of two sons, and the doting grandmother of four beautiful  
17          grandchildren; and

18          WHEREAS, Cathy Paquette's dedication and demeanor have earned her the unqualified  
19          admiration and respect of her fellow workers and our gratitude and recognition; now, therefore be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 hereby recognizes and sincerely thanks Catherine Paquette on the occasion of her retirement and  
4 we wish her continued happiness, good health and fulfillment during her richly deserved  
5 retirement years; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Catherine Paquette.

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