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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING ROGER E. BOUCHARD ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE RHODE ISLAND
RADIO HALL OF FAME

Introduced By: Senators Cote, Picard, and E O`Neill

Date Introduced: May 13, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Radio Hall of Fame was established in 2008 to celebrate
2 the medium's history in the Ocean State. Being selected as an inductee into the organization is a
3 momentous tribute to those who have played a significant role in radio's history and growth in
4 our state; and

5 WHEREAS, Roger E. Bouchard, a Woonsocket native, is a graduate of Woonsocket
6 High School, Rhode Island College, and Emerson College. He currently serves as the President
7 and General Manager of WNRI. Roger's multi-faceted responsibilities include developing
8 programming, producing a daily morning news and talk show, and selling and coordinating the
9 station's advertising; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Bouchard began on the path to a career in radio at an early age,
11 developing an interest in broadcasting from his brother who worked at WNRI. While still in high
12 school, he was put on the air to temporarily replace a dismissed employee; and

13 WHEREAS, While in college, Roger worked weekends and nights at WWON (now
14 WOON), first to pay his bills, but soon thereafter, it became his passion. Upon graduation from
15 college, he turned all his energies to a full-time career in radio; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Bouchard has worked at myriad small market stations in Rhode Island,
17 from General Manager at WKRI to his current position at WNRI; and

18 WHEREAS, If something is occurring in Woonsocket, Roger and WNRI are always there
19 covering stories and making a positive difference in the lives of Woonsocket's residents; and

1 WHEREAS, Within the community, Mr. Bouchard is a member of the Woonsocket
2 Rotary Club, has served as a commissioner of the Woonsocket Housing Authority, and as chair of
3 the Woonsocket Senior Center Board of Directors; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Bouchard has served as the President of the Rhode Island
5 Broadcasters' Association, was named Woonsocket Citizen of the Year in 2005, was made Grand
6 Marshall of the Autumnfest parade, and was inducted into the American-French Genealogical
7 Society; and

8 WHEREAS, With a radio career that has spanned more than thirty years, Roger E.
9 Bouchard has had an enduring impact on the radio industry and his accomplishments are worthy
10 of our recognition and emulation; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode and Providence Plantations hereby
12 honors Roger E. Bouchard on his induction into the Rhode Island Radio Hall of Fame; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Roger E. Bouchard.

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