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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF $750,000 FOR POLARIS MANUFACTURING
EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP (MEP)

1   WHEREAS, For almost two decades, Polaris, a business unit of the University of Rhode

2   Island Research Foundation, has been working to provide improvement solutions to over 750

3   Rhode Island manufacturers; and

4   WHEREAS, Polaris Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is a statewide nonprofit

5   organization based in Providence. It provides competitive manufacturing business improvement

6   programs to help the state's manufacturing industry become more competitive and innovative;

7   and

8   WHEREAS, This appropriation of $750,000 will help enable the Polaris MEP to boost

9   Rhode Island's manufacturing industry by providing local companies with the tools they need to

10   compete, expand, and thrive in our state; and

11   WHEREAS, The Polaris MEP "works with Rhode Island manufacturers to design new

12   facility layouts, expand sites, consolidate two or more facilities, and incorporate new or

13   specialized equipment into existing processes." In addition, Polaris will "work on behalf of

14   manufacturers with architects and construction firms, as well as provide project management,

15   equipment selection guidance and contractor maintenance"; now, therefore be it

16   RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not

17   otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2015-2016, the sum of seven hundred and fifty

18   thousand dollars ($750,000) for the Polaris Manufacturing Extension Partnership; and the state

19   controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his/her orders upon the general treasurer for

1   the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time required, upon receipt by

2   him/her of properly authenticated vouchers.

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