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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$350,000 FOR POLARIS MANUFACTURING
EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP (MEP)**

Introduced By: Senator Erin P. Lynch

Date Introduced: June 09, 2015

Referred To: Senate Finance

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 three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) will
9 help enable the Polaris MEP to boost Rhode Island's manufacturing industry by providing local
10 companies with the tools they need to 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 three hundred fifty thousand
18 dollars (\$350,000) for the Polaris Manufacturing Extension Partnership; and the state controller is
19 hereby authorized and directed to draw his/her orders upon the general treasurer for the payment

- 1 of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time required, upon receipt by him/her of
- 2 properly authenticated vouchers.

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