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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ORCHARD FARMS AND STONE HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
ON BEING RECOGNIZED AS COMMENDED SCHOOLS BY THE RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senator Frank S. Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 08, 2016

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, A good public education is the birthright of all of our state's children and
2 creating schools of excellence is essential to preparing for America's future; and

3 WHEREAS, Annually, the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) selects
4 schools who have demonstrated exceptional performance through “high achievement levels on
5 state assessments, narrow achievement gaps, and progress made over time,” to be named as
6 Commended Schools. In addition, Commended Schools must have student participation rates of
7 at least 95 percent on state assessments; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2015, Orchard Farms and Stone Hill Elementary Schools were two of the
9 seventeen schools in the state to have earned this outstanding acclamation; and

10 WHEREAS, Orchard Farms and Stone Hill Elementary Schools are shining examples of
11 schools that have set high standards of academic excellence for all students and where creative
12 programs and support systems have helped students reach those standards; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
14 hereby congratulates the administration, faculty and students of being selected as a Commended
15 Schools for 2015. We furthermore wish them continued success in the future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Ms. Magnelli, Principal, Orchard Farms

1 Elementary School, and Danielle De Simone, Principal, Stone Hill Elementary School.

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