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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE FRANCIS J. MURRAY ON THE OCCASION OF  
HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Archambault, Satchell, Walaska, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: April 07, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Francis J. Murray, an Associate Justice of the Rhode Island  
2 Family Court and a highly respected adjudicator, officially retired on December 31st of 2014;  
3 however, due to understaffing, he diligently remained on the bench until April of 2016; and

4           WHEREAS, Laying the foundation for his eminent career, Judge Murray earned a  
5 Bachelor's degree from the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, a Master of Arts from  
6 Marquette University, and a Juris Doctorate from Franklin Pierce Law Center, now a part of the  
7 University of New Hampshire; and

8           WHEREAS, Upon graduation from law school, Judge Murray was admitted to the  
9 Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and United States District Court, District of Rhode Island bars. He  
10 subsequently entered private practice in the law firm of Murray & Cutcliffe, where he specialized  
11 in family law. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, he served as assistant legal counsel to Governor  
12 J. Joseph Garrahy; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1994, Judge Murray was appointed to the Rhode Island Family Court by  
14 Governor Bruce Sundlun. He has served in a myriad of capacities including assignment to the  
15 Juvenile Drug Court Calendar, and over the past three years, he has presided over Family Court  
16 matters in Newport County; and

17           WHEREAS, Justice Murray has been married to his wife Kathleen for thirty-one years,  
18 and together they have three adult children; and

19           WHEREAS, Judge Murray possesses a keen mind and an innate ability to adjudicate

1 matters in a just and timely manner. He will forever be remembered as a humble and widely-  
2 admired Justice, who presided with compassion and fairness, and served the people of our state  
3 with integrity and excellence; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
5 hereby expresses our sincere gratitude to the Honorable Francis J. Murray for more than twenty  
6 years of distinguished service presiding over matters before the Rhode Island Family Court. We  
7 furthermore wish him good health and happiness during his retirement years; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Francis J. Murray.

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