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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

CONGRATULATING GAIL PARELLA AND LISA SIENKIEWICZ ON BEING NAMED CO-CHIEF MARSHALS OF THE 2017 BRISTOL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND PARADE

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Marshall, Tanzi, Mattiello, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: June 21, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Gail Parella and Lisa Sienkiewicz, outstanding members of the Bristol
2 community, have received the prestigious honor of being named Co-Chief Marshals of the
3 nation's oldest, perpetual 4th of July Parade, held in Bristol, Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Life-long residents of Bristol, sisters Gail and Lisa grew up in the family
5 business and are the current owners of Gil's Appliances; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Parella is a graduate of Bishop Connelly High School and earned her
7 Bachelor's degree from Rhode Island College. She has been married to Joe Parella for seventeen
8 years and together they are the proud parents of three sons, Matthew, Joey, and Peter; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Sienkiewicz is a graduate of Our Lady of Fatima High School and has
10 been married to Frank Sienkiewicz for twenty-six years. Together they are the proud parents of
11 two children, Sarah and Alex; and

12 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to the betterment of their community, sisters Gail Parella
13 and Lisa Sienkiewicz have donated numerous hours to local volunteer work and are
14 communicants of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, where Lisa is also a lector; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to her family and working at Gil's, Ms. Parella is a member of
16 the Sons of Italy, the East Bay and Newport chambers of commerce, and a parent volunteer for
17 Bristol's King Philip Little League. In addition, she and her husband are former Chairpersons of
18 the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Sienkiewicz is a member of 100 Women Who Care RI, the East Bay

1 and Newport chambers of commerce, the Gordon School Heads Advisory Council, and class
2 parent coordinator for Portsmouth Abbey Fifth Form. She was a former member of the Bristol
3 Fourth of July Committee, and had previously served as the co-president of the Gordon
4 Community Association and the Gordon Centennial Celebration, and was a member of the
5 Gordon School Finance Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, As is the case with many residents of Bristol, Gail Parella and Lisa
7 Sienkiewicz are proud of the fact that they have never missed a single Bristol 4th of July
8 celebration and they are humbled by the fact that they will be leading the annual parade through
9 the streets of Bristol. Their devotion to the community and their philanthropic endeavors have
10 distinguished them as persons worthy of this illustrious honor as well as our admiration and
11 gratitude; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
13 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Gail Parella and Lisa Sienkiewicz on being named
14 Co-Chief Marshals of the 232nd annual Bristol 4th of July celebration and parade. We commend
15 them for their many extraordinary achievements and contributions, and wish them continued
16 health, happiness and success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Gail Parella and Lisa Sienkiewicz.

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