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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CONSECRATION OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH CHURCH

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: June 20, 2018

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Immaculate Conception Parish was chartered on September 30th of 1958, in
2 the Garden Hills Section of the City of Cranston: and

3 WHEREAS, The original building was the old Alpine Club and the first Masses were
4 celebrated in one of the game rooms, with overflow seating available in the dining rooms.
5 Shortly thereafter, a 375-person cinder block addition was built; and

6 WHEREAS, As the parish continued to grow, the process of planning for the erection of
7 a new building began in April of 1959, under the direction of Monsignor William Murray who
8 had been appointed pastor after the untimely passing of founding pastor, Fr. Robert Meadows;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Nine parcels of land, encompassing eight and one-half acres were
11 purchased, and after a number of delays, blueprints for the new church were drawn in 1964 by
12 architect, Mr. Oresto DiSaia and interior liturgical expert, Mr. Louis Armento; and

13 WHEREAS, A pledge campaign to raise the necessary funding ensued and was quickly
14 successful and construction of the new church began; and

15 WHEREAS, On June 30th of 1968, the newly built church was consecrated by the Most
16 Rev. Russell J. McVinney, Bishop of Providence; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the past five decades, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the parish
18 has grown to now serve more than 2,500 families and blessed by the outstanding and devout
19 leadership of Reverend Edward Wilson, the parish continues to flourish and provide for the

1 spiritual needs of the surrounding community; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby recognizes and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the consecration of the Immaculate
4 Conception Parish Church. It is a special occasion to be celebrated by giving thanks to God for
5 his many blessings over the past fifty years; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Reverend Edward Wilson, Immaculate
8 Conception Parish Church.

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