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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING MARY CAPPELLO ON RECEIVING A GUGGENHEIM FELLOWSHIP

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Cimini, Walsh, Ruggiero, and Costa

Date Introduced: May 10, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The John Simon Guggenheim fellowship was established by United States
2 Senator and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim in 1925, in memory of their elder son to “add to the
3 educational, literary, artistic, and scientific power of this country, and also to provide for the
4 cause of better international understanding”; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the 86 years since its founding, the fellowship has honored 16,000
6 accomplished individuals in the arts and sciences in the United States, Canada, Latin America,
7 and the Caribbean, early or midway through their careers; and

8 WHEREAS, Many recipients of the Guggenheim fellowship have gone on to receive
9 other substantial recognition, including more than 100 Nobel prize winners, 32 poets laureate, and
10 eight recipients of the Fields International Medal for Outstanding Discoveries in Mathematics;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, This year the Guggenheim fellowship for residents of the United States and
13 Canada was awarded to 180 individuals from more than 3,000 applicants, including Providence
14 resident and University of Rhode Island professor Mary Cappello, who received one of just 13
15 awards given for nonfiction writing; and

16 WHEREAS, Professor Cappello has taught at the University of Rhode Island since 1991,
17 and is the author of four critically acclaimed works of creative nonfiction, *Night Bloom: An*
18 *Italian-American Life*; *Awkward: A Detour*; *Called Back: My Reply to Cancer, My Return to*
19 *Life*; and *Swallow: Foreign Bodies, Their Ingestion, Inspiration and the Curious Doctor Who*
20 *Extracted Them*; and

1 WHEREAS, Professor Cappello is an important writer and scholar in the field of Italian-
2 American literature, and has also made an important contribution to the cause of breast cancer
3 awareness with her memoir *Called Back*; and

4 WHEREAS, The awarding of a Guggenheim fellowship to Professor Cappello reflects
5 very positively on the University of Rhode Island, and the system of public higher education in
6 Rhode Island as a whole, which has produced many widely recognized scholars, scientists and
7 artists; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
9 Providence Plantations hereby honors Professor Mary Cappello for all she has done to receive the
10 Guggenheim fellowship for creative writing, and extends our deepest appreciation to her for her
11 untiring service to the community as a Professor at the University of Rhode Island for more than
12 two decades and hopefully many years to come. We furthermore wish her well for her
13 forthcoming year of leave as a Guggenheim Fellow during which she plans to write another book;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Professor Mary Cappello.

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