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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE "KNOW BEFORE YOU FLY" CAMPAIGN AS
AN OFFICIAL SOURCE OF SAFETY EDUCATION FOR PROSPECTIVE AND ACTIVE
OPERATORS OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IN RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, Felag, and Lawson

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, The safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the National
2 Airspace System promises to drive new economic development and consumer choice, promote
3 more responsible stewardship of natural resources, facilitate more effective emergency response
4 and disaster recovery, and improve the efficiency and security of energy, transportation, and
5 communications networks; and

6 WHEREAS, Direct operation of unmanned aircraft systems, for both commercial and
7 non-commercial use, is growing rapidly, with more than 1,000,000 aircraft already registered; and

8 WHEREAS, The development and adoption of services provided by unmanned aircraft
9 systems is expected to generate billions of new economic activity and create thousands of new
10 jobs in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, The safe operation of unmanned aircraft systems, both for non-commercial
12 and commercial purposes, is necessary for continued innovation, economic activity, and public
13 benefit; and

14 WHEREAS, Prospective operators of unmanned aircraft systems must understand and
15 abide by relevant requirements and limitations to ensure the safe operation of such systems; and

16 WHEREAS, The regulatory framework for unmanned aircraft systems continues to
17 develop, including steps by the Federal Aviation Administration to integrate unmanned aircraft
18 systems into the National Air Space System and issuance of operational requirements for small
19 unmanned aircraft systems operations in the airspace; and

1 WHEREAS, Easily accessible and freely available information regarding current
2 guidance for safe and responsible unmanned aircraft systems operations provides certainty to
3 unmanned aircraft system owners and operators, maximizes the public benefits of unmanned
4 aircraft systems, and mitigates risks to public safety and security; and

5 WHEREAS, "Know Before You Fly" is an education campaign founded by the
6 Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International and the Academy of Model
7 Aeronautics in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration to educate prospective users
8 about the safe and responsible operation of unmanned aircraft systems; and

9 WHEREAS, The "Know Before You Fly" educational campaign has developed
10 relationships with more than 150 supporters, including unmanned aircraft manufacturers, law
11 enforcement agencies, retailers, labor organizations, and institutions of higher education; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
14 hereby recognizes and supports the "Know Before You Fly" program as an official source of
15 safety education for prospective and active operators of unmanned aircraft systems in Rhode
16 Island; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit duly certifies copies of this resolution to Mr. Dallas Brooks, Chairman of the Board of
19 the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, Mr. Rich Hanson, President of the
20 Academy of Model Aeronautics, and Mr. Dan Elwell, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation
21 Administration.

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