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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE METROPOLITAN CAREER AND
TECHNICAL SCHOOL ON ITS FIFTEENTH YEAR IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Metts, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: April 06, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center (The MET) is
2 celebrating its 15th year of innovative education in the State of Rhode Island on Thursday, April
3 7, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, The MET is a network of six small, public high schools located in
5 Providence and Newport. The MET has achieved national recognition for its model of school
6 reform. With high standards and strong family engagement, the MET's individualized learning
7 approach has proven successful in unlocking students' passion for learning; and

8 WHEREAS, Working together as a team, the MET's faculty and staff have developed a
9 strong academic program that has resulted in a 98 percent college acceptance rate for its
10 graduates, and this year the MET's average yearly progress was the highest among Providence
11 sending schools in math and reading scores. The MET also made tremendous strides in school-
12 wide improvements over the past year; and

13 WHEREAS, The MET empowers its students to take charge of their learning and to
14 become responsible citizens and life-long learners. The hallmarks of a MET education include
15 internships, individual learning plans, advisory, and a breakthrough college transition program.
16 The MET is consistently identified by a sweeping range of education leaders as one of the most
17 effective school reform models; and

18 WHEREAS, In March of 2010, President Obama spoke about the MET and said, "We'll
19 follow the example of places like the MET Center in Rhode Island that give students that

1 individual attention, while also preparing them through real-world, hands-on training for the
2 possibility of succeeding in a career”; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby recognizes and congratulates the Metropolitan Career and Technical Center on its
5 exceptional work and its fifteen years of serving students in the State of Rhode Island; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dennis Littky, the Metropolitan Career and
9 Technical Center.

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