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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ANDY ANDRADE, CHUCK PAIVA AND CHRIS PATSOS ON  
BEING INDUCTED INTO THE GEORGE D. DONNELLY SUNSET LEAGUE CLASS OF  
2018 HALL OF FAME

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Seveney, Coyne, and Euer

Date Introduced: May 22, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The George D. Donnelly Sunset League was started on July 28, 1919, as the  
2 Sunset League by Dr. Peter Integlia of the Newport Entertainment Department. The League was  
3 an immediate hit with the public, averaging more than 60,000 in total attendance annually in its  
4 early years. The Sunset League is considered to be the oldest amateur baseball league in the  
5 nation and recently celebrated its 100th anniversary; and

6           WHEREAS, In 2018, Andy Andrade, Chuck Paiva and Chris Patsos were inducted into  
7 the George D. Donnelly Sunset League Hall of Fame. Andy Andrade was a Player-Manager for  
8 sixteen years with the Middletown Club. He was a consistent All-Star and a left-handed hitting  
9 first basemen who provided a fearsome presence in the middle of the batting order. Thanks to his  
10 leadership and prowess, his teams won consistently including a league championship. Later, he  
11 was named the Head Baseball Coach at Salve Regina University and continued his successful  
12 ways for the next fifteen years, winning multiple conference championships; and

13           WHEREAS, Chuck Paiva came from Eckard College in Florida to play baseball in the  
14 Sunset League in 1980. He stayed for twenty-one years as a player, manager, and League  
15 President. As a player, he was an All-Star and won the League's Cy Young Award in 1981. He  
16 led his teams to numerous League Championship finals, winning the Championship in 1983,  
17 1995, and 1998. He also served as Andy Andrade's pitching coach at Salve Regina University  
18 and together they were the co-directors of the Newport Baseball Academy for ten years; and

19           WHEREAS, Chris Patsos came to the Sunset League from Florida Southern College. He

1 played the difficult and demanding catcher position and in his ten years with the Sunset League,  
2 he was named an All-Star every year. He was a respected leader on the field and in the clubhouse,  
3 who played superb defense and provided consistent offense. He helped lead his team to a league  
4 championship, played in the esteemed Cape Cod League, played in two All-Star games at Fenway  
5 Park against the Boston Park League, and was later inducted into the Boston Park League Hall of  
6 Fame. Mr. Patsos was responsible for the creation of the Challenger baseball program for  
7 physically and mentally challenged children on Aquidneck Island. He also served as a coach and  
8 board member of the Newport Babe Ruth League for twenty years; and

9 WHEREAS, Since their retirement from the Sunset League, Chuck Paiva and Chris  
10 Patsos were named General Manager and Assistant General Manager, respectively, of the  
11 Newport Gulls of the New England Collegiate Baseball League, and since 2001, the Gulls under  
12 their leadership have been the most successful franchise in league history; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
14 hereby congratulates Andy Andrade, Chuck Paiva and Chris Patsos on being inducted into the  
15 George D. Donnelly Sunset League Class of 2018 Hall of Fame; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Andy Andrade, Chuck Paiva and Chris Patsos.

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