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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING THE ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE 34TH ANNUAL
OCEAN STATE SENIOR OLYMPICS**

Introduced By: Senators Bates, Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey, and Metts

Date Introduced: May 19, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In 1977, the Department of Elderly Affairs was established by the Rhode
2 Island General Assembly and Governor J. Joseph Garrahy. One of the department's goals was to
3 promote healthy lifestyles for seniors; and

4 WHEREAS, In order to accomplish this mission and recognizing that there were many
5 seniors who were still active on the various athletic fields, Anna Tucker, the department's first
6 director, and Dolores Casey Bergeron, the first coordinator for the Rhode Island Senior Olympics,
7 conceived and implemented the Ocean State Senior Olympics games beginning in 1978. Rhode
8 Island was only the third state to do so; and

9 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Senior Olympics is an Olympic-style competition made
10 up of 15 sports, including track and field, archery, tennis, basketball, swimming, and golf, and
11 participants compete by age group; and

12 WHEREAS, The event encourages health and fitness awareness, fosters the value of
13 leading an active lifestyle among adults age 50 and over, and promotes friendship, fellowship,
14 and fun; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby congratulates the organizers and participants of the 34th Annual Ocean State Senior
17 Olympics and encourages all Rhode Islanders over the age of fifty to get healthy and get involved
18 in these worthwhile events; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Patrick T. Conley, Chairman of the Board
- 2 of Directors for the Rhode Island Senior Olympics.

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