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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOAN RESS REEVES AS A BOARD MEMBER
EMERITUS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Gayle L. Goldin

Date Introduced: June 11, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, A quote from a Denver Post editorial sums up the whole-hearted
2 commitment and sentiment Joan Ress Reeves has contributed to her chosen profession,
3 "Librarians are very special people. They are the caregivers of the world of the mind, the
4 nurturers of dreams and the defenders of truth. Perhaps no other profession is so marked by the
5 singular generosity of its practitioners"; and

6 WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Joan Ress Reeves has dedicated her time and
7 copious talents to the benefit of myriad local and national libraries; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Reeves has served as both a delegate and Chair to the White House
9 Conference on Library and Information Services, and has testified before the United States
10 Congress in support of libraries. In addition, she has served on the American Library
11 Association's (ALA) Committee on Legislation, the ALA Grassroots Advocacy Committee, and
12 the United for Libraries Legislative Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Locally, Ms. Reeves is one of the founders and serves as the Chair Emerita
14 of the Rhode Island Coalition of Library Advocates; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Reeves has been honored for her tireless efforts in advocating for
16 libraries and her contributions to the betterment of our state and national libraries with numerous
17 recognitions including, the lifetime achievement Award from the University of Rhode Island
18 Graduate School of Library and Information Studies; and

19 WHEREAS, As the former Chair and a longstanding, active member of The Library

1 Board of Rhode Island, Ms. Reeves has earned the respect and gratitude of its entire membership
2 for her significant contributions and the depth of knowledge she has, and continues to contribute
3 to the Board; and

4 WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Law 29-3.1 limits successive terms for members of
5 the Library Board of Rhode Island, thus resulting in the significant loss of Ms. Reeves' continued
6 contributions of her valued experience and knowledge as a vital resource to the Library Board;
7 now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby respectfully requests Governor Gina Raimondo to appoint Joan Ress Reeves as Member
10 Emeritus to the Library Board of Rhode Island, and in that capacity, to welcome and encourage
11 her to attend all future meetings, engage in debate and discussion, join subcommittees, and enjoy
12 all non-voting privileges of the Board; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Gina Raimondo and Ms. Joan
15 Ress Reeves.

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