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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CONGRATULATING DON BOUSQUET ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE RHODE ISLAND
HERITAGE HALL OF FAME**

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: April 15, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, For decades, Rhode Islanders have enjoyed reading Don Bousquet's always
2 hilarious cartoons which depict daily life in our state and poke gentle humor at our foibles and
3 idiosyncrasies ranging from our unique accents and our love for "quahogs," "grinders," and
4 "cabinets," to how we quench our thirst at "bubblers" instead of water fountains; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bousquet was born in Pawtucket and raised in South County. He loved
6 to doodle and draw as a youngster, but didn't make drawing and art his profession until he
7 entered his thirties. While working at an unsatisfying job, Mr. Bousquet listened to his wife
8 Laura's advice, who also happened to be pregnant at the time, and left his job to begin a new life
9 as a professional artist. Facing the obvious pressure of having to earn a living as fast as possible,
10 Don quickly began trying to sell his cartoons and drawings, and within one year, he was excelling
11 at it and by his second year, he was selling his first book; and

12 WHEREAS, For the past thirty years, Don Bousquet has become a beloved institution in
13 Rhode Island. His cartoons have become a part of the fabric and culture of everyday life in our
14 state and have been published in numerous publications including the Providence Journal, the
15 Narragansett Times, Yankee Magazine, and in many independent publications; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Bousquet continues to remain active even though he retired last year
17 from drawing cartoons. He currently enjoys drawing book illustrations on a volunteer basis for
18 the Animal Rescue League. He also loves tinkering with his model plane collection at his home, a
19 hobby that grew out of his childhood love for all things aviation and out of his service in the

1 United States Navy as an Aerial Photographer. He enjoyed sharing this hobby with his son Nate
2 with whom he founded Don Bousquet and son Aerial Photography. He currently enjoys
3 exploring his hobby all over again with his two-year-old granddaughter Norah, while he and his
4 wife are taking care of her three days a week; and

5 WHEREAS, It is fitting that the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame will induct Don
6 Bousquet on April 18, 2015, at the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. Don has, through his art and his
7 comic chronicles of Rhode Islanders as they live their daily lives, become an indelible part of the
8 culture of Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
10 hereby congratulates Don Bousquet on his induction into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of
11 Fame; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Don Bousquet.

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