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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 6, 2015, TO BE "MANUFACTURING DAY" IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: May 06, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Slater Mill, a wooden building completed in 1793 for the  
2 purpose of manufacturing cotton yarn by waterpower, revolutionized industry in America. It  
3 became the first successful factory in the United States and made Rhode Island the birthplace of  
4 the Industrial Revolution; and

5           WHEREAS, Manufacturing currently accounts for about 7.7 percent of the total  
6 economic output for the State of Rhode Island, and in 2014, employed approximately 58,967  
7 people which accounts for an increase of 1.5 percent over 2013 figures, and almost 9 percent of  
8 all jobs in the state. Total manufacturing output in Rhode Island is over 4 billion dollars and  
9 compensation for a manufacturing job in Rhode Island is close to 37 percent higher than for  
10 nonfarm jobs; and

11           WHEREAS, Manufacturing jobs today are not the same low skill jobs of the past.  
12 Manufacturing jobs currently require people who are highly skilled, educated, innovative  
13 thinkers, and able to adapt to rapidly changing technology and learning how to use new  
14 equipment at a rapid pace; and

15           WHEREAS, The manufacturing sector of an economy is often a leading indicator of the  
16 relative strength or weakness of the economy at large. It is a vital component of a prosperous,  
17 diverse and thriving economy. Manufacturing in Rhode Island is currently prospering and  
18 growing and we should do all we can to ensure that manufacturing remains a thriving part of the  
19 state's economy; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby proclaims May 6, 2015, to be "Manufacturing Day" in Rhode Island; and be it further  
3           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. David M. Chenevert, President, Swissline  
5 Precision Mfg.,Inc.

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