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[LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Petrolati

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO CONVEY CERTAIN PARK LAND AND TO GRANT A LICENSE AGREEMENT OVER CERTAIN PARK LAND TO UNIFIRST CORPORATION..

PETITION OF:

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By Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3874) of Thomas M. Petrolati (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Springfield to convey certain park land and to grant a license agreement over certain park land to Unifirst Corporation. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Springfield, acting by and through its city council, with the approval of its mayor, may convey a small portion of a certain parcel of land in the city known as Hubbard Park, acquired for use as a public park, to UniFirst Corporation, an abutter, for the purpose of expansion of their parking lot. The property to be conveyed contains approximately .63 acres and is shown as 'Parcel A' on a plan entitled "Division of Land, UniFirst Corporation, 295 Parker Street, Springfield, MA" dated April 21, 2009 and prepared by Thomas Wilson & Associates, Professional Land Surveyors of East Longmeadow, MA, on file in the office of the city clerk.

SECTION 2. The city of Springfield, acting by and through its city council, with

the approval of its mayor, may also grant a perpetual license to enter upon Hubbard Park to UniFirst Corporation to provide UniFirst with access to construct and maintain a retaining wall to the parcel being conveyed pursuant to the authority set forth in this section and to plant trees within Hubbard Park.

SECTION 3. In consideration for the conveyance of the portion of park land known as 'Parcel A' and the grant of a license to enter upon Hubbard Park, as set forth in sections 1 and 2, the grantee, UniFirst Corporation, shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(1) UniFirst shall pay to the city of Springfield the sum of $200,000 for the cost of the conveyance of said 'Parcel A' and to defray the cost of improving existing parking lots in Hubbard Park;

20 (2) UniFirst shall pay to the city of Springfield the sum of $80,000 to defray, in part, the
21 cost of improvements to Solutia Park, also known as Plastics Park, a parcel of land containing
22 approximately 20 acres, which shall be acquired by the city as replacement park property to
23 ensure a no net loss of park land;

24 (3) UniFirst shall plant no less than 80 saplings within Hubbard Park

25 to replace trees lost by the conveyance of 'Parcel A';

26 (4) UniFirst shall construct a retaining wall at the northerly edge of its

27 parking lot subject to the approval of the executive director of parks, buildings, and
28 recreation management of the city of Springfield which approval shall not be unreasonably
29 withheld;

30 (5) UniFirst shall replace the existing gates at each end of the access road on the said
31 'Parcel A' subject to the approval of the executive director of parks, buildings, and recreation
32 management of the city of Springfield which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld;

33 (6) UniFirst shall not be allowed to place snow, ice, debris or other objects on the
34 remaining city-owned Hubbard Park property; and

35 (7) UniFirst shall enter into a written license agreement with the city, and approved by
36 the board of park commissioners of the city of Springfield, defining the terms and conditions of
37 the license granted to UniFirst to enter upon Hubbard Park property to construct, repair and
38 maintain the retaining wall and to plant trees.

39 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.