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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, AS “PAY IT FORWARD WITH LOVE FROM TORI DAY” IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Finkelman, Ajello, Fellela, Shallcross Smith, and Furtado  
Date Introduced: April 24, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Global Pay It Forward Day originated in Australia in 2000, and is now a  
2 worldwide celebration that takes place each year on April 28th and is recognized by over 80  
3 countries; and

4 WHEREAS, “Pay it forward” is an expression for describing “the beneficiary of a good  
5 deed repaying the kindness to others rather than paying it back to the original benefactor” with  
6 the hope of starting a chain reaction of goodness; and

7 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2003, at the age of 12, Tori Lynn Andreozzi was hit by a  
8 drunken driver, leaving irreparable damage to her brain and body, but her irrepressible love and  
9 spirit inspired those around her, particularly her mom, Cathy; and

10 WHEREAS, Pay It Forward was not only Tori Andreozzi’s favorite movie, but a tenet by  
11 which she lived her young life, and wanting to honor her and her spirit, her mother Cathy created  
12 the Tori Lynn Andreozzi Foundation, in conjunction with Pay It Forward Day, which promotes  
13 an initiative “With Love From Tori”; and

14 WHEREAS, The Tori Lynn Andreozzi Foundation strives to bring awareness to the Pay  
15 It Forward movement and provides opportunities to individuals and groups to participate in  
16 fostering a culture of giving. In addition, the Foundation works to empower people to make good  
17 choices and find the courage to make a difference; and

18 WHEREAS, In past years, the Pay It Forward with Love From Tori Day has witnessed  
19 overwhelming success and acts of kindness with martial arts and elementary schools

1 participating, and with police from eight different departments providing an escort for the  
2 delivery of boxes and boxes of band aids to the Hasbro Children’s Hospital Tomorrow Fund, to  
3 name but a few of the many contributing groups; and

4 WHEREAS, “Pay It Forward With Love From Tori” encourages people to do good deeds  
5 for others without asking for anything in return except to pay it forward to someone else in need  
6 with the belief and hope that together, through kindness and unity, people can create positive  
7 change in our communities and the world – one good deed at a time; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
9 proclaims April 28, 2025, to be” Pay It Forward With Love From Tori Day” in the State of Rhode  
10 Island and moreover urges all citizens of the State to observe this day with activities and acts of  
11 kindness that demonstrate and celebrate selfless giving; 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 Cathy Andreozzi.

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