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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 23, 2026, TO BE "WORLD TABLE TENNIS DAY" IN THE STATE
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Hopkins, Chippendale, Blazejewski, Nardone, Roberts,
Fascia, Place, Paplauskas, Santucci, and J. Brien

Date Introduced: April 16, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, World Table Tennis Day is celebrated worldwide on April 23. Each year
2 registered events take place in over 90 countries as a celebration of the Olympic racket sport
3 which is one of the most popular participation sports in the world; and

4 WHEREAS, World Table Tennis Day has been celebrated each year since 2015, bringing
5 together people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities in a spirit of fellowship, recreation, and
6 social connection; and

7 WHEREAS, Table tennis is a uniquely accessible sport that can be played in schools,
8 homes, community centers, parks, senior centers, and recreation facilities, and can be enjoyed by
9 beginners and elite athletes alike; and

10 WHEREAS, The sport has excelled in diversity and inclusivity with largely coed
11 competitive events, an active senior circuit, a strong paralympic presence, and events in the
12 Special Olympics; and

13 WHEREAS, Rhode Island has a long history of influence within American table tennis,
14 including one of the oldest clubs in the US which has been running tournaments and leagues in
15 the State continuously since the 1930s; and

16 WHEREAS, Rhode Island has a robust table tennis community, with an annual high
17 school championship, active college programs, and players of all ages and abilities who enjoy the
18 health benefits and enjoyment of playing the sport; and

19 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Table Tennis Association actively supports the

1 community through annual fundraising events, the Senior Olympics, and the RI High School
2 Championships; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
4 declares April 23, 2026, to be "World Table Tennis Day" in the State of Rhode Island and
5 encourages all Rhode Islanders to take advantage of the health benefits and camaraderie of
6 playing this enjoyable sport; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly authorized copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Table Tennis Association.

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