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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 15TH, 2012 TO BE "I LOVE LIBRARIES DAY" IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Hearn, Melo, Marcello, Newberry, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: February 15, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Books enrich our lives, help shape our outlook of the world, and provide the  
2 cornerstone for a brighter future; and

3 WHEREAS, Libraries play a vital role in providing a panoply of books, media, and other  
4 resources, and with the expansion of electronic networks linking libraries and their resources,  
5 library users can access world information more easily, and

6 WHEREAS, Libraries promote literacy and inspire creativity in Americans. Literacy  
7 skills are essential for effective participation in our democracy, in the workplace, and in the  
8 community. Lady Bird Johnson once said "Perhaps no place in any community is so totally  
9 democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest"; and

10 WHEREAS, Libraries enable individuals to make informed decisions about their self-  
11 governance by promoting unrestricted access to information and by serving as community centers  
12 for lifelong learning; and

13 WHEREAS, Libraries provide entry to important research about health, economics,  
14 housing, the environment and countless other areas to support better living conditions and to help  
15 people lead longer, more productive and fulfilling lives; and

16 WHEREAS, Libraries support a competitive workforce with basic literacy programs,  
17 computers and other resources to help children and adults learn to find, evaluate and use  
18 information they need for their jobs, health, education, and other needs; and

19 WHEREAS, In a world undergoing constant change, libraries provide enduring

1 connections to the past and future of our communities, nations, and civilizations; now, therefore  
2 be it

3           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
4 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims February 15<sup>th</sup> of 2012 to be "I Love Libraries Day" in  
5 the State of Rhode Island. We furthermore urge all the citizens of the state to visit their local  
6 library and thank a librarian for making this unique and wonderful institution possible; and be it  
7 further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Library Association.

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