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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING ROBERT P. VENTURINI ON HIS SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives E Coderre, Johnston, O'Neill, DaSilva, and San Bento

Date Introduced: March 13, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Robert Venturini has been a television personality and fixture in Rhode
2 Island for more than two decades. On May 29, 1992, at the Quonset Air Show, Robert began his
3 “Bob's Big Adventures” series. Since then, his adventures have taken him to forty-five states and
4 five continents. His cable access variety shows have delighted generations of Rhode Islanders;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, On May 29, 2012, Bob will have reached a milestone in his television
7 career: celebrating twenty years of continued service, featuring sixteen hundred shows for the
8 benefit of the citizens of Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts, through “Bob’s Big
9 Adventures” and an “Hour with Bob”; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to appearing in numerous local television and radio spots,
11 including a series of TV commercials based on his success with a local hair transplant doctor,
12 Bob has also been an extra in the feature film “A Civil Action” starring John Travolta, and a
13 guest in the ballroom scene of “Meet Joe Black” with Brad Pitt; and

14 WHEREAS, Each year, Bob Venturini and his television crew put together the Victor J.
15 Venturini Memorial Toys for Tots Telethon to collect toys for needy children across Rhode
16 Island. The telethon gets its name in honor of Bob's late father and late brother. The show is
17 broadcast live from the Warwick Mall as a partnership with Cox Cable and gains the attention of
18 the local media. Many local and regional entertainers donate their time and talent. Most
19 importantly, Bob and friends collect thousands of toys each year for children who might have

1 otherwise gone without; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations hereby honors and congratulates Robert P. Venturini on his twenty years
4 of success. We recognize his abilities as a public-access television cable host, as an individual
5 who has stretched the collective imagination of Rhode Islanders, and as someone who has used
6 his celebrity to give back to the community. We extend our best wishes for many more years of
7 health, happiness, and viewership; and be it 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 Mr. Robert P. Venturini.

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