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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**RECOGNIZING MARCH 21, 2012, AS "NATIONAL KICK BUTTS DAY"**

Introduced By: Representative Larry Valencia

Date Introduced: March 21, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Each year, roughly 1,400 additional children and adolescents under 18 in  
2 Rhode Island become daily smokers, and half of these young people will eventually die from a  
3 tobacco-related illness; and

4           WHEREAS, The Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids' annual "National Kick Butts Day"  
5 strives to reduce and remove the ability of the tobacco industry to target children and young  
6 adults with advertising, and urges elected leaders to do more to protect young people from  
7 tobacco; and

8           WHEREAS, "National Kick Butts Day," hosted by the Rhode Island Tobacco Control  
9 Network (RITCN), is a day of activism when thousands of youth in every state and around the  
10 world "stand up, speak up, and seize control against Big Tobacco"; and

11           WHEREAS, The collective voice of dozens of middle school and high school age youth  
12 will be raised in outrage at the tactics of Big Tobacco on March 21, 2012, when the first Annual  
13 "Kicking Butts on Film" PSA Contest winners are announced at the Rhode Island State House;  
14 now, therefore be it

15           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
16 Providence Plantations hereby encourages and applauds the efforts of the Rhode Island Tobacco  
17 Control Network and its mission, as the organization provides a forum for demonstrating the  
18 destructive impact of cigarettes and other nicotine products on tobacco users, both young and old;  
19 and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That this House hereby recognizes March 21, 2012, as "National Kick

1 Butts Day,” and urges all citizens to join in raising awareness about the dangers of tobacco and  
2 help prevent more young people from smoking in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further  
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Emily LaPlante, Rhode Island Tobacco  
5 Control Network.

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