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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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

PROCLAIMING APRIL 12TH TO BE "LEAGUE DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE 2012"

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Walsh, Hearn, Ruggiero, and Mattiello

Date Introduced: April 12, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that
2 encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase
3 understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and
4 advocacy; and

5 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of the United States, founded by suffragists
6 in 1920, celebrated its 92nd anniversary on February 14, 2012, and continues to study and
7 advocate nationally for issues such as fair elections, open government, campaign finance reform,
8 women's rights, and clean air and environmental issues. Currently, the League is in the process of
9 a national study on privatization of public services; and

10 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of Rhode Island also celebrated its 92nd
11 anniversary in 2012; has recently completed a two-year statewide study of and reached consensus
12 on basic principles for education financing in Rhode Island; followed the state redistricting
13 process; and is lobbying this legislative session on redistricting, open records, open meetings,
14 ethics, election issues, campaign finance reporting and a woman's right to choice -- positions all
15 based on studies and adopted at the state and national levels. Live broadcasts this fall of non-
16 partisan Congressional candidate forums on ABC6-TV and RI Public Radio are being organized
17 and planned by the Voter Services Committee of the League; and

18 WHEREAS, Local Leagues of Women Voters in Providence, West Bay, Newport
19 County, and South Kingstown/ Narragansett will be registering voters, organizing local non-
20 partisan forums for many Rhode Island legislative, town/city council, and school committee

1 candidates, and holding meetings discussing issues of interest to members and citizens regarding
2 the government's role in education, charter schools, pension reform, and privatization of other
3 public services; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby acknowledges and declares April 12, 2012, to be "League Day at
6 the State House 2012"; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Derry Riding, President of the League of
9 Women Voters of Rhode Island.

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