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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

**HONORING JAMES ARENA-DEROSA, NORTHEAST REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE USDA FOOD NUTRITION SERVICE, ON HIS VISIT TO RHODE ISLAND AND IN
RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE AND IMMENSE BENEFITS OF GOVERNMENT
NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

Introduced By: Representatives Cimini, Valencia, Ajello, E Coderre, and Naughton

Date Introduced: April 25, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The growing hunger problem in America confronts and challenges all states,
2 and governmental nutrition programs play a crucial role in fulfilling the basic nutritional needs of
3 many citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, Currently one in four Americans is now served by one of 15 food and
5 nutrition programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and
6 Nutrition Service. Today, more Americans are receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
7 Program (SNAP) benefits than at any time in the program's history; and

8 WHEREAS, About ninety percent of the individuals receiving SNAP benefits are
9 working poor, elderly, or children, and almost fifty percent of all new mothers in America receive
10 Women Infants and Children (WIC) benefits and nutrition education support; and

11 WHEREAS, Numerous medical studies have shown that good nutrition is vital to the
12 development of an unborn life and to the development of a young child. Breakfast, in particular,
13 is a very important meal for children, and studies have shown that children who eat a nutritious
14 breakfast each morning do better in school and are more likely to be healthy and active; and

15 WHEREAS, Now, more than ever, our country needs inspired leaders who can marshal
16 public support to combat food insecurity and provoke a national dialogue on the importance of a
17 balanced lifestyle; and

18 WHEREAS, James Arena DeRosa, Northeast Regional Administrator of the USDA Food

1 Nutrition Service, is visiting Rhode Island to ensure that the needs of the Ocean State are
2 reflected in the Food and Nutrition Services' efforts; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
4 Providence Plantations hereby thanks and honors Mr. James Arena DeRosa for his visit to Rhode
5 Island and for his leadership in drawing attention to hunger and wellness in America. We
6 recognize the tremendous benefits government nutrition programs offer to our citizens, including
7 the young, the elderly, the sick, and pregnant women. We also affirm the need to support healthy
8 lifestyles for all our citizens; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. James Arena DeRosa.

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