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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 2, 2012, AS  
"CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Silva, Newberry, Slater, Mattiello, and Savage

Date Introduced: May 02, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Education is the gateway to a brighter future for our children and nation.  
2   During National Charter Schools Week, we celebrate charter schools' commitment to academic  
3   achievement, accountability, and innovation. We recognize the vital role charter schools play in  
4   fostering an America where children have the knowledge and skills they need to grow, succeed,  
5   and achieve their dreams; and

6           WHEREAS, As a publically-funded alternative to traditional public schools, charter  
7   schools have expanded our understanding of public education by embracing the spirit of  
8   discovery and providing innovative avenues for success; and

9           WHEREAS, Since the 1995 passage of Rhode Island's charter public schools' enabling  
10   legislation, sixteen start-up institutions have been established serving over 4,600 students from  
11   thirty-four communities; and

12           WHEREAS, Charter public schools are independent public schools of choice that are free  
13   to be innovative and are accountable for student achievement; and

14           WHEREAS, Today, Rhode Island charter public schools primarily serve urban areas and  
15   face the challenges of poverty at a higher than average rate. Yet, these schools continue to be  
16   among the strongest in the state; and

17           WHEREAS, Charter public schools provide an alternative public education to students  
18   who desire a different learning environment than that provided by traditional public schools.  
19   Charter public schools provide Rhode Island parents and students their only public school

1 choice option; and

2 WHEREAS, Charter public schools are designed to deliver programs tailored to  
3 educational excellence and community need; and

4 WHEREAS, Because they are public schools of choice, they are open to the public,  
5 funded by the public, and are accountable to the public; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
7 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 2, 2012, as “Charter Public School Day” in the  
8 State of Rhode Island and recognizes the achievement of our sixteen charter public schools; and  
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Principals/Directors of Rhode Island’s  
12 sixteen charter public schools.

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