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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 THE WEEK OF MAY 6-12, 2012, AS "ARSON AWARENESS WEEK" IN
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Guthrie, Menard, Johnston, and O'Neill

Date Introduced: May 08, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The theme for "Arson Awareness Week" in 2012 is Prevent Youth
2 Firesetting. This week provides an opportunity to spur national recognition, awareness, and
3 understanding of the Youth Firesetting problem in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, Between 2005 and 2009, children playing with matches resulted in an
5 average of 56,300 fires, 110 civilian deaths, 880 civilian injuries, and \$286 million in direct
6 property damage per year; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2010, forty percent of arson arrests were juveniles, with 47.6 percent of
8 those arrests involving children under 16 years of age; and

9 WHEREAS, Parents should teach young children that fire is a tool, not a toy, keep
10 matches and lighters out of reach, and set a good example by safely using matches, lighters, and
11 fire; and

12 WHEREAS, The week of May 6-12, 2012, will focus public attention on the importance
13 of the collaborative efforts of fire and emergency service departments, law enforcement, mental
14 health, social services, schools, and juvenile justice to help reduce the occurrence of juveniles
15 engaged with fire; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the week of May 6-12, 2012, to be "Arson Awareness
18 Week" in the state; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That this House requests that the citizens of the State of Rhode Island pay

1 special tribute to all fire and law enforcement investigative agencies for their dedicated and
2 tireless service; 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 John Chartier, the Rhode Island State Fire
5 Marshall.

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