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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

**CELEBRATING THREE YEARS OF SAVING LIVES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE RHODE ISLAND UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BANK**

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, E Coderre, Petrarca, Malik, and Morrison

Date Introduced: May 08, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In June of 2008, the Rhode Island General Assembly enacted legislation
2 entitled “The Umbilical Cord Blood Donation Notification Act”; and

3 WHEREAS, On Mother’s Day, May 10th of 2009, a pilot program to collect umbilical
4 cord blood was instituted by the Rhode Island Blood Center in conjunction with Women &
5 Infants Hospital. The initiative became the only program of its kind in Rhode Island and the first
6 public cord blood program established in New England; and

7 WHEREAS, Pregnant mothers-to-be are asked to consider the safe and simple procedure
8 of donating their umbilical cord blood after their child is delivered; and

9 WHEREAS, Cord blood transplants can improve the health of a patient suffering from
10 one of more than 70 diseases, and because of the special nature of cord blood cells, a perfect
11 match to a recipient is not required, thereby offering help to those who are in the most need; and

12 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Umbilical Cord Blood program is one of only twenty-
13 eight programs accredited by the AABB, an international standards setting body; and

14 WHEREAS, Public cord blood is made available to patients around the world through the
15 National Marrow Donor Program and other international networks. The goal of the program is to
16 provide donations for 10,000 patients by 2015; and

17 WHEREAS, Cord blood transplants save lives; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes the staff of the Rhode Island Blood Center, Women &

1 Infants Hospital, and the Rhode Island Umbilical Cord Blood program on the third anniversary of
2 the establishment of Rhode Island's public cord blood bank. We also offer sincere appreciation to
3 all the mothers who have donated this life-saving gift; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the Rhode Island Blood Center,
6 the President and CEO of Women & Infants Hospital, and the Director of the Rhode Island
7 Umbilical Cord Blood program.

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