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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "NATIONAL SALVATION ARMY WEEK" ON MAY 13TH THROUGH
MAY 19TH IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives O'Neill, Johnston, Gallison, San Bento, and Marcello

Date Introduced: May 17, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In 1856, William Booth began preaching hope and salvation to a
2 congregation that was composed of the most needy, neglected, and downtrodden in the East End
3 of London. His aim was to lead people to Christ and link them to a church for further spiritual
4 guidance; and

5 WHEREAS, Since its humble beginnings in Great Britain, the Salvation Army has
6 attracted scores of followers who are dedicated to providing spiritual guidance and humanitarian
7 relief to people throughout the world; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1879, Lieutenant Eliza Shirley held the first meeting of The Salvation
9 Army in America, in Philadelphia. In 1954, "National Salvation Army Week" was first
10 recognized and declared by President Dwight Eisenhower; and

11 WHEREAS, Currently, the Salvation Army is a world-wide organization that is meeting
12 human needs, without discrimination, by utilizing its foundation and mission of "Doing the Most
13 Good"; and

14 WHEREAS, Through countless acts of service, provided by more than 3,411,613
15 volunteers, 400,055 members, and more than 200,000 additional personnel, the Salvation Army,
16 as well as those who support its mission through contributions, have actively assisted more than
17 29,418,530 people through more than 7,821 Centers of Operation and more than 400,055
18 members; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

1 Providence Plantations hereby celebrates “National Salvation Army Week” on May 13th through
2 May 19th. We furthermore implore community members to express their appreciation for the
3 Salvation Army’s good works and to follow their example of serving a cause greater than
4 themselves during this week and throughout the year; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, The Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Major David Champlin, Divisional Commander
7 of the Southern New England Division of the Salvation Army.

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