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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK BEGINNING ON APRIL 2, 2012, TO BE "APRIL FRIENDS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, Lanzi, Pichardo, Moura, and Pinga

Date Introduced: April 04, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The impact of bullying and cyberbullying has been given greater attention
2 in recent months due to the suicides of several bullied teens from around the country; and

3 WHEREAS, With the widespread use of social networking websites and text messaging,
4 bullying is no longer limited to the classroom and school playgrounds; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the 2010 SurveyWorks! administered by the Rhode Island
6 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE), over 15,000 Rhode Island middle
7 school students reported that they had experienced some form of bullying during that year; and

8 WHEREAS, According to RIDE, last year nearly 11,000 Rhode Island high school
9 students admitted that had been involved in a bullying incident; now therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 recognizes that the prevention of bullying and cyberbullying is important to the education and
12 overall health of our youth; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby urges all citizens of the state to join us in
14 acknowledging and celebrating the admirable efforts of those Rhode Island school children who
15 have chosen to stand up to state that bullying will not be tolerated and who have done so in a
16 peaceful and respectful manner; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby proclaims the week beginning on April 2, 2012, to
2 be “April Friend’s Week” and urges all citizens of the state to join in spreading awareness of the
3 dangers of bullying and cyberbullying.

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