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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 12TH TO BE "LEAGUE DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE 2012"**

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Paiva Weed, Sosnowski, Crowley, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: April 12, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that  
2 encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase  
3 understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and  
4 advocacy; and

5           WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of the United States, founded by suffragists  
6 in 1920, celebrated its 92<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on February 14, 2012 and continues to study and advocate  
7 nationally for issues such as fair elections, open government, campaign finance reform, women's  
8 rights, and clean air and environmental issues. Currently, the League is in the process of a  
9 national study on privatization of public services; and

10           WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters of Rhode Island also celebrated its 92<sup>nd</sup>  
11 anniversary in 2012; has recently completed a two-year statewide study of and reached consensus  
12 on basic principles for education financing in Rhode Island; followed the state redistricting  
13 process, and is lobbying this legislative session on redistricting, open records, open meetings,  
14 ethics, election issues, campaign finance reporting and a woman's right to choice -- positions all  
15 based on studies and adopted at the state and national levels. Live broadcasts this fall of non-  
16 partisan Congressional candidate forums on ABC6-TV and RI Public Radio are being organized  
17 and planned by the Voter Services Committee of the League; and

18           WHEREAS, Local Leagues of Women Voters in Providence, West Bay, Newport  
19 County, and South Kingstown/ Narragansett will be registering voters, organizing local non-  
20 partisan forums for many Rhode Island legislative, town/city council and school committee

1 candidates, and holding meetings discussing issues of interest to members and citizens regarding  
2 the government's role in education, charter schools, pension reform, and privatization of other  
3 public services; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
5 hereby acknowledges and declares April 12, 2012, to be "League Day at the State House 2012";  
6 and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Derry Riding, President of the League of  
9 Women Voters of Rhode Island.

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