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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE CAMBODIAN NEW YEAR AND "THE
YEAR OF THE DRAGON"

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Jabour, Pinga, Felag, and P Fogarty

Date Introduced: April 26, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, One of the most important and popular of Cambodian holidays, ushering in
2 the New Year, occurs from April 13th through the 15th and marks the end of the harvesting
3 season; and

4 WHEREAS, Each Cambodian year is popularly known by one of the 12 animals of the
5 Zodiac. These names provide a ready reference because each is used only once in 12 years. This
6 year, 2012, will be celebrated as "The Year of the Dragon"; and

7 WHEREAS, The holiday celebration is a three-day event that begins on New Year's
8 Day. Moha Sangkran is the first day of the event and symbolizes the ending of one year and
9 beginning anew. Cambodians traditionally clean and decorate their homes and prepare food for
10 the New Year inauguration and to welcome the "New Angels at every single home"; and

11 WHEREAS, Day two of the Cambodian New Year's celebration is Wanabot. It is a time
12 to offer gifts to one's parents, grandparents, and elders, and to contribute to charity and help those
13 less fortunate; and

14 WHEREAS, The third day of the New Year's celebration is called Thhnay Leung Sakk,
15 which means the year "starts to be counted from this day." People generally go to temple in the
16 morning and end the day with the "Pithi Srang Preah" where they cleanse the Buddha statues and
17 their monks, elders, parents, and grandparents as an act of contrition to apologize for any
18 transgressions done to them; and

19 WHEREAS, The Cambodian New Year's holiday is rich with tradition and a perfectly

1 wonderful time for men and women, both young and old, to come together and celebrate; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby recognizes the celebration of the Cambodian New Year and "The Year of the Dragon";
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate wishes to extend its deepest respect and appreciation to the
7 Rhode Island Cambodian community for all that it has contributed to the rich diversity of Rhode
8 Island culture; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Samnang K. Becker, President of the
11 Cambodian Society of Rhode Island, Inc.

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