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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 24TH THROUGH MARCH 2ND, 2013, AS PEACE CORPS
WEEK IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Marshall, Almeida, Slater, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1 WHEREAS, The Peace Corps is an organization guided by committed individuals who
2 provide their leadership and support and, like volunteers, have the same spirit of dedication to the
3 work of the agency; and

4 WHEREAS, The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960, when then-Senator
5 John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country in the
6 cause of peace by living and working in developing countries. From that inspiration grew an
7 agency of the federal government devoted to world peace and friendship; and

8 WHEREAS, Since that time, more than 210,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in
9 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and
10 environmental preservation; and

11 WHEREAS, Today's Peace Corps is more vital than ever, contributing to emerging and
12 essential areas such as information technology, business development, and the President's
13 Emergency Plan for AIDS relief. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals
14 who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities; now,
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims February 24th through March 2nd as "Peace Corps Week"
18 in the State of Rhode Island. We commend the Peace Corps and all those who have served as
19 Peace Corps volunteers for the great contributions they have made to world peace and

1 understanding, for the betterment of the lives of the citizens of the countries where volunteers
2 have served and of our own nation; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to acting director of the Peace Corps, Carrie
5 Hessler-Radelet.

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