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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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

**RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE
SOUTH COUNTY MUSEUM**

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, and Lally

Date Introduced: April 25, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The South County Museum is an independent nonprofit organization,
2 founded in 1933, and originally located in a barn in the Village of Wickford. It is funded by
3 memberships and through donations, grants, and admissions; and

4 WHEREAS, After being relocated twice, the museum was eventually moved to its
5 current location within Canonchet Farm, which was the home of the 12th Governor of Rhode
6 Island, Col. William Sprague. The site is now a 174-acre public park owned by the Town of
7 Narragansett; and

8 WHEREAS, The main exhibit building, the Metz Exhibit Hall, was built in 1987. Today,
9 the grounds also include a Carpentry Shop, Blacksmith Forge, the Carriage Barn, and a One-
10 Room Schoolhouse; and

11 WHEREAS, The museum's collections contain more than 20,000 items, dating from pre-
12 European settlement to the 1950s, and are displayed in the six exhibit buildings. The museum
13 grounds also contain landscaped gardens and a heritage flock of our official state bird, the Rhode
14 Island Red, that make their home on site at the Living History Farm; and

15 WHEREAS, Museums are the custodians of our material heritage and an integral part of
16 a robust and thriving culture. They are the inheritance that, with joy and obligation, we leave to
17 those who will come after us; now, therefore be it

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

1 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of the
2 South County Museum on the 80th Anniversary of its founding. We commend their dedication
3 and efforts to ensure an important piece of Rhode Island's history remains for future generations;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Daryl Anne Anderson, President, South County
7 Museum.

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