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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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

**VOICING SUPPORT FOR HEATHER ABBOTT**

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Martin, Costantino, Winfield, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: April 30, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, April 15th is a day that annually commemorates the grit, determination, and  
2 tenacity of the American people as they celebrate the legacy of the initial actions that led to our  
3 nation's independence; and

4           WHEREAS, The tragic events of the Boston Marathon bombings on April 15, 2013, have  
5 tested one Rhode Islander's grit, determination, and tenacity in ways that simply stun the rest of  
6 the Ocean State; and

7           WHEREAS, Newport's Heather Abbott found herself thrust into the public limelight as a  
8 result of life-altering injuries she sustained in the wake of the heinous Boston Marathon  
9 bombings. Heather now faces the challenges of ongoing therapy, numerous medical interventions,  
10 and creating a new reality for herself; and

11           WHEREAS, Heather is much more than simply a victim of this cowardly act of  
12 terrorism, however. A bright, active young woman who is professionally respected for her work  
13 at Raytheon and who has demonstrated her commitment to helping those in need, Heather  
14 represents the very best of Rhode Island. Heather's full measure as a person -- her warmth,  
15 vitality, and indomitable character -- is what transfixes the admiration of others and prompts total  
16 strangers to come out to encourage her; now, therefore be it

17           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
18 Providence Plantations voices its wholehearted support for Heather as she begins her journey of  
19 recovery. We pray that Heather and her loved ones make their way through these trying  
20 circumstances with courage and grace; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That we honor Heather Abbott as an exemplary citizen, professional, and  
2 human being, and commend her bravery and fortitude in the face of great personal tragedy. We  
3 express our very best wishes for her continued progress and improvement in the days and months  
4 ahead; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit a duly certified of this resolution to Ms. Heather Abbott.

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