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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**

**CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LATE JEAN E. HICKS AND THE  
DEDICATION OF THE "JEAN E. HICKS CENTER" IN HER HONOR**

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Ruggiero, Martin, Mattiello, and Finn

Date Introduced: June 19, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Jean E. Hicks was the dedicated and energetic Executive Director of New  
2 Visions for Newport County from 1986 until her passing in 1994. In various capacities, she had  
3 worked for the organization for more than twenty years; and

4           WHEREAS, Preparing for a career in social services, Ms. Hicks graduated from the  
5 Newport Hospital School of Nursing in 1970, where she was the first and only recipient of the  
6 school's Nursing Faculty Award. In 1985, she attained her Master of Science degree in  
7 Community Economic Development from New Hampshire College; and

8           WHEREAS, In 1972, to the immense good fortune of New Visions, Jean Hicks began an  
9 odyssey with the organization that would span two decades. She encompassed challenges on  
10 numerous levels, and eventually triumphantly, expanded the agency to meet the growing  
11 challenges and intensifying needs of the community; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the years, Ms. Hicks founded the first New Visions Community  
13 Health Center, oversaw the successful completion of New Vision's \$1.3 million capital campaign  
14 and the construction of the organization's Child Care Center, secured a permanent home for the  
15 organization on Broadway in Newport, expanded New Vision's Head Start Program, and helped  
16 to start-up an afterschool program for youth that focuses on business careers; and

17           WHEREAS, Showered with awards and accolades for her tireless dedication, Ms. Hicks  
18 was named Woman of the Year in 1986 and earned the Outstanding Community Service Award  
19 in 1992. She was a member of the Rhode Island Ethics Commission, the Rhode Island Share and

1 Deposit Indemnity Corporation Commission, and was Vice President of the New England  
2 Association of Community Action Agencies; and

3 WHEREAS, Jean Hicks wholly believed that "We should lift as we climb" and her  
4 commitment to New Visions mirrored her own personal mantra, which was "I'll find a way...or  
5 make one." She accomplished miracles in her too-short lifetime and enriched the lives of all who  
6 knew her; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
8 Providence Plantations hereby applauds the myriad contributions to the betterment of our state  
9 and honors the late Jean E. Hicks on the dedication of the Jean E. Hicks Center in her honor; and  
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Ms. Susan Schenck, Chief Operating Officer,  
13 EBCAP, her husband Ester Stewart, her children, Warren T. Hicks and Linda M. Thompson, and  
14 her sister, Mavis White.

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