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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING, CELEBRATING, AND SUPPORTING THE RICH HERITAGE AND
NOBLE MISSION OF THE PANNESE SOCIETY

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Lombardi, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island has a population of almost 200,000 Americans of Italian
2 descent, living and making substantial contributions to all aspects of the state's milieu; and

3 WHEREAS, Immigrating to our shores in search of the great American dream, Giuseppe
4 Anzevino came from Panni, Foggia, Italy, in 1885, and settled in the Federal Hill section of
5 Providence; and

6 WHEREAS, With the desire to build a better life for himself and his family, Mr.
7 Anzevino was one of the first Italian pioneers in Rhode Island. He was a man of great moral,
8 social, and religious beliefs and soon became a leader in the community; and

9 WHEREAS, Word of Mr. Anzevino's success and the opportunities to be found in
10 America seeped back to the small town in Italy and by 1900, residents of Panni were following in
11 Mr. Anzevino's footsteps and making the journey to the burgeoning neighborhood of Federal
12 Hill; and

13 WHEREAS, With a desire to preserve the spirit of their roots and heritage, The Pannese
14 Society was founded in 1909, as a social organization in the Providence area for Italian
15 immigrants from the small hill town of Panni; and

16 WHEREAS, Today, the organization's noble mission is to "promote the cultural, social,
17 spiritual, and educational heritage from Panni, Italy," to "record and preserve" their heritage and
18 culture to our present society, and to "strive to keep" their heritage through their patron saint,
19 community, and cultural activities for future generations; and

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders of Italian descent have continuously enriched the palate and
2 cultural diversity of our state's tapestry and we are proud to support and encourage efforts to
3 continue and strengthen these traditions; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments and worthy heritage of Italian Americans
6 and supports efforts to revitalize the Pannese Society; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Joseph Spremulli, President, The Pannese
9 Society of Providence.

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