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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 7TH THROUGH APRIL 13TH OF 2013 TO BE
"BARBERSHOP HARMONY WEEK"
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Gallo, Lynch, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: April 09, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, On April 11, 1938, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, O. C. Cash and Rupert Hall formed
2 the "Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in
3 America." This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the organization's founding; and

4 WHEREAS, The society, which was known by its acronym, S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., adopted
5 the alternate name of the "Barbershop Harmony Society" early in its history, although it did not
6 legally change its official brand name until 2004; and

7 WHEREAS, Originally consisting of twenty-six men who shared an interest in a cappella
8 singing, today, the Barbershop Harmony Society has almost 25,000 members in 800 chapters
9 across our nation and in Canada's ten provinces. Here in Rhode Island, members of the society
10 are not only numerous, but also talented, producing an International Quartet Champion and
11 International Seniors Quartet Champion; and

12 WHEREAS, Featuring the iconic vocal harmony of consonant four-part chords, the
13 melodious renderings of barbershop quartets are a truly American musical art form; and

14 WHEREAS, The Barbershop Harmony Society has produced quartets that have gifted
15 generations of music lovers with the "magical fifth note" and encouraged world harmony through
16 our universal love of music; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
18 hereby proclaims April 7th through April 13th of 2013 to be "Barbershop Harmony Week." We

1 furthermore encourage all the people of our state to seek out and enjoy the inspiring musical
2 stylings and melodious accomplishments of Barbershop Harmony; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Steve Isherwood, Alan F. Lamson, President,
5 Barbershop Harmony Society, and Martin L. Monson, CEO/Executive Director, Barbershop
6 Harmony Society.

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