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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**HONORING THE STATE ALLIANCE OF RHODE ISLAND YMCAS**

Introduced By: Senators Lynch, Gallo, Paiva Weed, Metts, and Jabour

Date Introduced: April 25, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Rhode Island's YMCAs are charitable, voluntary, community-based  
2 associations dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, youth, adults, and families and  
3 to strengthening communities through programs that build the spirit, mind, and body; and

4           WHEREAS, Known for their comprehensive health and fitness activities, YMCAs excel  
5 in educating individuals on how to lead healthier lives. In addition, YMCAs promote the teaching  
6 and role modeling of four key character values: caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility; and

7           WHEREAS, Rhode Island's YMCAs are the largest provider of affordable child care in  
8 the state, creating a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment for 4,400 children and youth every  
9 day. Rhode Island's YMCAs have nearly 140,000 members, and 64,000 of them are youth and  
10 teens who are engaged in activities and services designed to build healthier spirits, minds, and  
11 bodies.

12           WHEREAS, Rhode Island's YMCAs annually provide \$7,000,000 of charitable financial  
13 assistance and free and subsidized programs to individuals and groups to ensure that all can  
14 participate in YMCA programs and services, regardless of their ability to pay; and

15           WHEREAS, YMCAs bring together the young and old, men and women, and people of  
16 all faiths and incomes. They seek to provide individuals with opportunities for personal  
17 development and to foster their sense of responsibility to one another and to the local, national,  
18 and world community; and

19           WHEREAS, All six Rhode Island YMCA organizations have united to form a statewide  
20 alliance to promote the growth of the Y movement in Rhode Island, enhance programming,

1 coordinate policy advocacy, and continue to strive for excellence in everything that they do; and

2 WHEREAS, On April 27, 2013, the Rhode Island State Alliance of YMCAs will  
3 celebrate its annual Healthy Kids Day, a free, interactive special event that employs fun,  
4 engaging, and creative activities to encourage children and their families to adopt behaviors that  
5 support healthy lifestyles; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
7 hereby recognizes the State Alliance of Rhode Island YMCAs as a leading partner in the state's  
8 quest to build stronger children, families, and communities. We furthermore congratulate the  
9 State Alliance of Rhode Island YMCAs for its ceaseless efforts to fulfill the Y's mission to put  
10 Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for  
11 all; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the State Alliance of Rhode  
14 Island YMCAs.

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