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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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

CELEBRATING "ADVOCACY DAY" ON MAY 22ND OF 2014, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, Handy, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: May 22, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Annually, the American Lung Association of the Northeast hosts Advocacy
2 Day at the Rhode Island State House; and

3 WHEREAS, The American Lung Association of the Northeast is part of the American
4 Lung Association, which is the oldest voluntary health organization in the United States. The
5 organization's mission is "to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease";
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The noble purpose of the Lung Association's Advocacy Day is to highlight
8 the myriad efforts throughout the state that focus attention and promote "healthy air and healthy
9 lungs." In addition, the organization provides information on various priorities to promote its
10 initiatives; and

11 WHEREAS, The Lung Association also presents the "Lung Health Champion" award
12 during the day's events. This year's recipient of the award is CVS Caremark in recognition of its
13 landmark decision to discontinue the sale of all tobacco products in all CVS/Pharmacy stores
14 nationwide; and

15 WHEREAS, The Lung Association's Advocacy Day is an opportunity to enlighten and
16 raise public awareness for the many ways we can all better our health, our lives, and our state,
17 and it is eminently worthy of our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 22, 2014, to be "Advocacy Day" in our state. We

1 furthermore extend appreciation and applause to the CVS Caremark organization for its decision
2 to cease the sale of tobacco products in its stores; 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 Jeff Seyler, President & CEO of the American
5 Lung Association of the Northeast, and Larry J. Merlo, President & CEO of CVS Caremark.

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