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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE STATE ALLIANCE OF RHODE ISLAND YMCAS

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Algieri, Paiva Weed, Metts, and Lynch

Date Introduced: April 09, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The YMCA is a charitable, voluntary, community-based association
2 dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, youth, adults, and families, and to
3 strengthening communities through programs that build the spirit, mind, and body; and

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

8 WHEREAS, The YMCA is the largest provider of affordable child care in the state,
9 providing a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment for 5,300 youths every day. The YMCA has
10 nearly 125,000 members. Of that number, 40,000 are youth and teens who are engaged in
11 activities and services designed to build healthier spirits, minds, and bodies. The YMCA annually
12 provides \$10 million of charitable financial assistance and free and subsidized programs to
13 individuals and groups in order to ensure that everyone can participate in YMCA programs and
14 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 five Rhode Island YMCA organizations have united to form an alliance.
20 They are promoting the growth of the "Y" movement in Rhode Island, enhancing programming,

1 coordinating policy advocacy and continue to strive for excellence in everything that they do; and
2 WHEREAS, On April 26, 2014, The Rhode Island State Alliance of YMCAs celebrate
3 their Annual Healthy Kids Day®; a free, interactive special event that employs fun, engaging and
4 creative activities to encourage children and their families to adopt behaviors that support healthy
5 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 YMCAs as a leading partner in the state's quest to build
8 stronger children, families, and communities. We furthermore congratulate the State Alliance of
9 YMCAs for their ceaseless efforts to fulfill their mission to put Christian principles into practice
10 through programs that build healthy spirits, minds, and bodies for all; be it further

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

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