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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST BAY COMMUNITY  
ACTION PROGRAM AND CELEBRATING ITS 12TH ANNUAL SEASIDE GALA ON JUNE  
3, 2015

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Carson, Ajello, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: May 27, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, In 2015, the East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP) is celebrating  
2 its 50th Anniversary of providing a wide array of critical health and human services to the  
3 residents of Rhode Island's East Bay including the Cities of Newport and East Providence and the  
4 Towns of Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Little Compton, Barrington, Bristol and Warren;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, The noble mission of the Community Action Program is to provide high  
7 quality, comprehensive and accessible health and human services to assist people to reach their  
8 highest potential, and dates back to the mid-1960s when President Lyndon B. Johnson initiated  
9 our nation's War on Poverty as well as numerous additional and successful programs of the Great  
10 Society; and

11           WHEREAS, In 2004, New Visions for Newport County, Inc. (which served Newport  
12 County) and Self Help, Inc. (which served Bristol County and East Providence) merged, resulting  
13 in the East Bay Community Action Program which reaches a far greater geographic region and  
14 provides a vastly broadened scope of services; and

15           WHEREAS, Currently, the agency serves approximately 22,000 residents annually, from  
16 very young children in the Head Start Program to the senior citizens who are assisted with case  
17 management services, and through volunteer and service opportunities, as well as nutrition  
18 programs; and

19           WHEREAS, The agency is committed to serving the individual client and their entire

1 family so that they may receive coordinated medical, dental, after-school care and social services  
2 using a one-stop shopping approach; and

3 WHEREAS, The more than 300 diverse and highly dedicated administrators and staff  
4 personnel at EBCAP range from health professionals and family advocates to nutritionists, child  
5 care professionals, youth workers and many more, and are united in the belief that "any door is  
6 the right door to receive the help that is needed"; and

7 WHEREAS, EBCAP's hard working and committed Board of Directors is representative  
8 of the community's private and public sectors and agency consumers, and of the cities and towns  
9 of the entire East Bay region; and

10 WHEREAS, The agency's ability to successfully offer a seamless array of services to its  
11 patients and clients is predicated on the united assistance from EBCAP's many state, local and  
12 federal partnerships including government, school departments, institutions of higher education,  
13 community-based agencies and funders to name a few; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
15 Providence Plantations hereby joins the Board of Directors, administrators and staff in  
16 commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the East Bay Community Action Program and  
17 celebrating its 12th Annual Seaside Gala on June 3, 2015; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Susan Schenck, East Bay Community Action  
20 Program.

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