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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING "LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS DAY" ON FEBRUARY 10, 2015,  
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Paiva Weed, McCaffrey, Algieri, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: February 10, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, February 10<sup>th</sup> marks the official celebration of "Library Legislative  
2 Awareness Day" in our state; and

3           WHEREAS, Literacy skills are essential for effective participation in our democracy, in  
4 the workplace, in the community, and within family life. Evidence shows that low or minimal  
5 literacy skills can condemn entire families to isolation, poverty and dependence; and

6           WHEREAS, Libraries are true beacons of democracy that strengthen our state and our  
7 nation by preserving our nation's cultural heritage. Lady Bird Johnson once said, "Perhaps no  
8 place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance  
9 requirement is interest"; and

10          WHEREAS, Libraries empower individuals, strengthen families, and provide the  
11 cornerstone for a brighter future for all our citizens; now, therefore be it

12          RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
13 hereby celebrates "Library Legislative Awareness Day." We furthermore express our sincere  
14 gratitude to those dedicated individuals who work, volunteer, and advocate for libraries across  
15 our state; and be it further

16          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The Rhode Island Library Association.

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