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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING EIGHT YEAR OLD JEANNETTE FINCH OF COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND,
ON BEING NAMED THE 2015 CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS RHODE
ISLAND CHAMPION

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Paiva Weed, Lombardi, Satchell, and Morgan

Date Introduced: May 06, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Jeannette Finch, daughter of John and Carol Finch, was born with
2 Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), also known as Brittle Bone Disease. Her father also suffers from
3 this disease. Osteogenesis has no cure and affects up to 50,000 Americans. It's a disease that leads
4 to frequent bone fractures in one's life and other possible symptoms include pulmonary disease,
5 curved bones or spines, loose joints, muscle weakness, hearing loss, brittle teeth, and shortness of
6 stature; and

7 WHEREAS, Jeannette suffered her first fracture at the age of six months and has already
8 endured five fractures in her legs and arms. Despite suffering from this debilitating disease,
9 Jeannette lives her life like any other young kid. She loves to swim, an activity that is good for
10 people with her condition, and dreams of being an artist one day. Most importantly, she bravely
11 battles her condition on a daily basis with good spirits, a sense of optimism, and has become an
12 ambassador for those living with Osteogenesis; and

13 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2015, in recognition of Jeannette's courageous fight against
14 Osteogenesis and her resolve to live her life like any other eight year old child, Hasbro Children's
15 Hospital honored Jeannette Finch as their 2015 Children's Network Hospitals Rhode Island
16 Champion. In her ambassadorial role, Jeannette will highlight the lifesaving work of Hasbro
17 Children's Hospital and the immense importance of donating funds to support research, treatment,
18 and ongoing care at the Hospital; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby honors Jeannette Finch of Coventry, Rhode Island, on being named the 2015 Children's
2 Miracle Network Hospitals Rhode Island Champion; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Jeannette Finch.

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