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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

**CELEBRATING AND COMMENDING RHODE ISLAND DECA ON THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING**

Introduced By: Representatives Messier, O'Brien, Phillips, Kennedy, and Maldonado

Date Introduced: May 04, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, DECA, formerly known as the Distributive Education Clubs of America, is
2 an international association dedicated to preparing high school and college students to become
3 future leaders and entrepreneurs in the fields of marketing, finance, hospitality and management,
4 by utilizing real world experience; and

5 WHEREAS, The organization is one of ten listed as Career and Technical Student
6 Organizations by the United States Department of Education; and

7 WHEREAS, This year, Rhode Island DECA is celebrating "50 Epic Years" of
8 academically preparing our state's emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for college and careers,
9 and by helping and encouraging these students to recognize the benefit of community service; and

10 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island DECA program is open to all high school students in the
11 state and is partially funded through a Perkins Grant that is overseen by Johnson & Wales
12 University. Currently, the association has 345 members; and

13 WHEREAS, One of the key focuses of Rhode Island DECA is community service, which
14 currently involves the association's leadership team collecting, through a variety of charitable
15 events, "miracle minutes", as well as monetary and other donations for the Muscular Dystrophy
16 Association and for the Community Care Alliance which is located in Providence. The
17 association is also organizing a service event in May to collect donations for the annual "Make A
18 Muscle Walk" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association; and

19 WHEREAS, Rhode Island DECA is also focused on the annual Career Development

1 Conference where this year, 63 members participated in various DECA competitions in order to
2 earn the privilege of competing at the national Career Development Conference, which will be
3 held in Nashville, Tennessee; and

4 WHEREAS, Rhode Island DECA has earned our unqualified admiration and gratitude,
5 and its accomplishments over the past five decades are eminently worthy of our recognition and
6 praise; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Rhode Island DECA on the occasion of its 50th
9 Anniversary Year celebration. We furthermore recognize the entire association's membership for
10 their dedicated service to the state by ensuring a brighter and more prosperous future for Rhode
11 Islanders; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Marsha Bock, Rhode Island State Advisor,
14 Rhode Island DECA.

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