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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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

**OBSERVING THE MONTH OF MAY AS "MENTAL HEALTH MONTH" AND PROUDLY
DISPLAYING THE COLLABORATIVE ARTISTIC QUILT CREATED BY PATIENTS
FROM HASBRO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND BRADLEY HOSPITAL**

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Corvese, Knight, Casimiro, and
Marszalkowski

Date Introduced: May 11, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Mental health affects people regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity,
2 religion, or economic status and it is critical to the well-being and vitality of our families, schools,
3 businesses, and communities; and

4 WHEREAS, One in five adults and one in ten children will experience a diagnosable
5 mental health disorder in a given year and breakthroughs in our understanding of mental wellness
6 will result in more precise treatments and positive outcomes; and

7 WHEREAS, Together, Hasbro Children's Hospital and Bradley Hospital offer leading-
8 edge behavioral healthcare to children throughout New England and beyond; and

9 WHEREAS, In a joint effort, the ArtReach staff of the Hasbro Children's Hospital Partial
10 Program and the Art Therapy staff of Bradley Hospital's Center for Autism and Developmental
11 Disabilities Inpatient and Partial Programs, Children's Inpatient and Partial Programs, Adolescent
12 Inpatient and Partial Programs, and Pediatric Anxiety Research Center Partial Programs
13 combined their talents and resources in a collaboration that resulted in the creation of a beautiful
14 and poignant quilt; and

15 WHEREAS, The quilt is an artistic rendering of the medical and mental health struggles
16 that face young patients. Highlighting patients' diagnoses, pain, emotional struggles, and family
17 and school issues through pictures and words, the quilt gives expression and understanding of
18 patients whose voices and feelings often go unheard; and

19 WHEREAS, By displaying the quilt and recognizing "Mental Health Month" Hasbro and

1 Bradley help to dispel the stigma and shame that comes with a mental health or
2 medical/psychological diagnosis, and strive to build a brighter future for Rhode Island's children;
3 now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby commemorates the month of May as "Mental Health Month" and
6 proudly displays the collaborative artistic quilt created by patients in the Hasbro Children's
7 Hospital and Bradley Hospital; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Margaret M. Van Bree, MHA, DrPH, President,
10 Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital and Daniel J. Wall, President, Bradley
11 Hospital.

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