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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS TO MAXIMIZE RECYCLING EFFORTS
AT RHODE ISLAND'S SCHOOLS

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Serpa, Kennedy, and Fellela

Date Introduced: May 16, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Each day, Americans throw away approximately 200 million tons of
2 garbage, with paper taking up as much as 50 percent of our landfill space; and

3 WHEREAS, Since school waste is generally almost 80 percent recyclable, schools can
4 make a huge impact when they recycle; and

5 WHEREAS, School districts and educators should serve as positive role models to
6 students and the community concerning environmental issues and sustainable environmental
7 practices; and

8 WHEREAS, By educating and engaging students to recycle more of the right things the
9 right way, whether at home or at school, our schools can help make recycling more economically
10 viable for our municipalities, thereby generating environmental and community benefits; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition, school district source reduction and recycling programs will
12 foster student achievement by transforming the school environment into a laboratory for learning
13 by providing numerous opportunities for investigation through environmentally based education;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, By establishing and maintaining a recycling program in all classrooms,
16 administrative offices, and other areas owned or leased by the school district and designating a
17 team or classroom to make sure that all recyclables collected during the previous week are placed
18 in the proper receptacles and available for pick-up on Friday, our school districts can educate the
19 next generation on the value of caring for their community, their environment and their future;

1 now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby encourages all K-12 schools to
3 unite around the common goal of improving their recycling and waste reduction programs, and
4 activating student engagement in this positive and relevant change for our state and our world;
5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Commissioner of Education
8 and the President of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees.

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