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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

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

**RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING "NATIONAL INVENTORS' DAY" ON FEBRUARY  
11, 2018, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Corvese, Carson, Mendonca, and Giarrusso

Date Introduced: February 08, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed February 11th of each year to  
2 be National Inventors' Day in the United States. February 11th was chosen in honor of Thomas  
3 Edison, who was arguably America's greatest inventor. Thomas Edison invented the incandescent  
4 light bulb, the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and at one time held over 1,000 patents;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, The founding fathers recognized from the start that science, technology and  
7 invention were vital components to a successful nation and society, and therefore declared within  
8 the United States Constitution in Section 8 of Article I that "The Congress shall have the power to  
9 propagate the progress of the useful arts by securing for a limited time to inventors the exclusive  
10 right to their discoveries." Pursuant to this Constitutional provision, the United States Congress  
11 protected inventors and their inventions by passing the first United States Patent Law, which was  
12 signed into law by President Washington; and

13           WHEREAS, The very first patent issued in the United States was given to Samuel  
14 Hopkins on July 31, 1790. From its inception through December of 2011, the United States  
15 Patent and Trademark Office has received 16,020,302 patent applications and has issued  
16 8,743,423 patents. Each year, the United States Patent and Trademark Office issues more than  
17 150,000 patents to individuals and companies across the globe. Thanks in large part to American  
18 inventors and their ingenuity, America economically and technologically leads the world and  
19 hopefully will continue to do so in perpetuity; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes and celebrates "National Inventors' Day" on February  
3 11, 2018; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copies of this resolution to Governor Gina M. Raimondo and the  
6 Inventors Association of New England.

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