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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING MR. STEVE BROSNIHAN, A 2018 JEFFERSON AWARD WINNER, FOR CREATING AND FOUNDED THE "GOOD NIGHT LIGHTS" PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF HASBRO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Marshall, Carson, Casimiro, and Morgan

Date Introduced: June 05, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Brosnihan, a talented cartoonist from Bristol, started the practice
2 of flashing lights to the children at Hasbro Children's Hospital as a way distracting them and their
3 families from the day to day difficulties of fighting various illnesses; and

4 WHEREAS, This unique and creative tradition began in 2010 when Mr. Brosnihan, after
5 volunteering for a day at the hospital, flashed a light from his bicycle from a street corner on his
6 way home. He had told the children to look out their windows for his light to flash. It was his way
7 of saying good night to the children; and

8 WHEREAS, Since that moment of inspiration, Mr. Brosnihan has reached out to local
9 businesses and community leaders urging them to flash their lights in support of the children at
10 Hasbro Children's Hospital. Beginning in 2015, many Providence businesses, Brown University,
11 nursing facilities, hotels, police and fire departments, and police cruisers daily at 8:30 p.m., flash
12 their lights in support of the children at Hasbro Children's Hospital. In addition to Providence, the
13 communities of East Providence and Warwick have also joined in and lent their support to this
14 wonderful project; and

15 WHEREAS, Governor Gina M. Raimondo has announced that the Rhode Island State
16 House would begin its participation by flashing lights on its dome every Wednesday night at 8:30
17 p.m., for thirty seconds in support of the Good Night Lights program; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Brosnihan was awarded the Jefferson Award for Public Service in
19 2018 in recognition of his many years of devoted and tireless volunteer service to Hasbro

1 Children's Hospital and for creating the "Good Night Lights" program; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations hereby honors and thanks Mr. Steve Brosnihan for creating and founding
4 the "Good Night Lights" program in support of Hasbro Children's Hospital; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Steve Brosnihan.

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