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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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

**CONGRATULATING MARIA C. MANSELLA FOR BEING HONORED BY THE  
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN**

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Corvese, O'Brien, Ruggiero, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: January 23, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The mission of the National Organization of Italian American Women is "to  
2   unite and connect women through Italian culture and heritage, to celebrate the achievements of  
3   women of Italian ancestry, to inspire and enrich members with shared interests in cultural  
4   programs, and to empower and advance the educational and professional aspirations of current  
5   and future generations"; and

6           WHEREAS, Professor Maria C. Mansella earned a Bachelor's Degree Cum Laude from  
7   Rhode Island College in Secondary Education with a concentration in French and Italian, and a  
8   Minor in Portuguese, and a Master's Degree in Arts from Middlebury College. She also attended  
9   Brown University, the University of Rhode Island and the Salamanca Summer Immersion  
10   Program in Spain and earned a Diploma of Maturita Magistrale (Elementary Education  
11   Certification), from the Istituto Vincenzo Gioberti, Sora, Italy; and

12           WHEREAS, Professor Mansella has taught Italian, and occasionally French and Spanish,  
13   for many years at the Community College of Rhode Island. She is also a special lecturer for the  
14   Providence College School of Continuing Education. In addition, she presents foreign language  
15   workshops at the local and state levels, and organizes and directs the Community College of  
16   Rhode Island Travel/Study Program in Orvieto, Italy; and

17           WHEREAS Professor Mansella is active in numerous professional associations. She  
18   served as the President of the Rhode Island Teachers of Italian, from 2000 to 2004, and as a  
19   member of the American Association of Teachers of Italian, where she served on the National

1 Examination Committee. She was the Corresponding Secretary of the Rhode Island Foreign  
2 Language Association and the co-editor of their newsletter. She is also an active member of the  
3 Italian American Historical Society of Rhode Island, the Renaissance-Alliance Lodge-Sons of  
4 Italy, the October Heritage Month Committee, and the National Organization of Italian American  
5 Women; and

6 WHEREAS, Professor Mansella was honored on January 20, 2019, at Café Nuovo in  
7 Providence, by the National Organization for Italian American Women for her thirty-five year  
8 professional teaching career for cultivating an appreciation and recognition of the Italian language  
9 and culture in our communities; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
11 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Professor Maria C. Mansella for being honored by  
12 the National Organization of Italian American Women; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Professor Maria C. Mansella.

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