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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE FORTHCOMING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN 2020

Introduced By: Senators Euer, Goldin, Coyne, Cano, and Murray

Date Introduced: April 03, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization that has, over
2 its distinguished past, played a critical role in fostering civil debate and in shaping public policy
3 in myriad ways to reform government and create a more just and equitable society; and

4 WHEREAS, The League of Women voters was founded in 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt
5 who was a prominent women's suffrage leader and advocate who campaigned tirelessly for
6 passage of the nineteenth amendment to guarantee women in the United States the right to vote.
7 The League was founded in the hope of encouraging the twenty million American women who
8 could now vote to use their new power in ways that would influence and shape public policy and
9 the elected officials making these decisions; and

10 WHEREAS, Through the years, the League has sponsored numerous "Get Out The Vote"
11 campaigns and sponsored and hosted presidential debates in 1976, 1980, and 1984. The League
12 has played a leading role at critical junctures in American history. President Truman invited the
13 League to serve as a consultant to the United States delegation at the United Nations Charter
14 Conference in 1945. In the 1960's League membership peaked at 157,000 members. In support of
15 the Civil Rights movement, the League supported equal access to education and employment; and

16 WHEREAS, More recently, the League of Women Voters has strongly advocated in
17 support of protecting our environment, health care rights and access, and the protection of our
18 voting rights in addition to supporting legislation to make it easier to register, such as the
19 National Registration Act of 1993, commonly known as the "Motor-Voter Act" which required

1 states to offer the opportunity to register to vote to anyone who applies for, or renews a driver's
2 license; and

3 WHEREAS, As the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters
4 approaches in 2020, it is time to honor and recognize the League's numerous accomplishments
5 and thank them for their advocacy on behalf of the rights of women, minorities, and other
6 historically disadvantaged groups; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby joyously celebrates the forthcoming 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters in
9 2020; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Ms. Virginia Kase, Chief Executive Officer,
12 League of Women Voters, and Ms. Jane Koster, President of the Rhode Island League of Women
13 Voters.

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