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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

WELCOMING DR. JUNG-YUL CHOI, THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, AND HIS WIFE SEUNG-BOK YANG, TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representative Robert D. Phillips

Date Introduced: June 18, 2020

Referred To: House Special Legislation

1 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1917, the Lions Clubs International (LCI) has more
2 than fulfilled its motto of “we serve.” Its more than 1.4 million members and 46,000 clubs
3 serving more than 200 countries, work tirelessly to promote the principles of good government
4 and good citizenship and to support important causes such as hospice, youth outreach,
5 international relations, environmental issues and health issues, especially health issues related to
6 the blind and vision-impaired population; and

7 WHEREAS, President Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, South Korea, was elected to serve as the
8 International Lions Clubs President at the Association’s 102nd International Convention held in
9 Milan, Italy. President Choi has been a member of the Busan Jae-il Lions Club since 1977, and
10 has held many offices, including the positions of Club President, Cabinet Secretary, District
11 Governor and International Director. He served numerous times as a DGE Group Leader and on
12 eleven committees as a member of the International Board of Directors. Additionally, President
13 Choi was Chairperson of the 39th OSEAL Forum in 2000 and was a host committee Chairperson
14 at the 95th Lions International Convention in Busan, South Korea, in 2012, the largest convention
15 held in Lions history; and

16 WHEREAS, Building upon the Lions' long and admirable history of supporting the blind
17 and vision-impaired persons, President Choi, in his visits to various nations across the globe, will
18 be focusing on the Lions International new endeavors with diabetes research since diabetes
19 causes blindness; and

1 WHEREAS, In honor of his meritorious service to the Lions International, President Choi
2 has received many awards including the Humanitarian Partnership Award, the Senior Master Key
3 Award, numerous International President’s Leadership Awards and International President’s
4 Awards, and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Lions
5 Clubs International; and

6 WHEREAS, President Choi, in addition to his Lions Clubs responsibilities, serves as the
7 Chief Executive of the Koala Company, Ltd., and is a past Director of the Busan Sports
8 Association. President Choi and his wife are the parents of five children and the grandparents of
9 two grandchildren; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
11 Providence Plantations hereby welcomes Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, the Lions Clubs International
12 President, and his wife, Seung-Bok Yang to the State of Rhode Island; 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 Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, the Lions Clubs
15 International President.

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