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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2011 TO BE "NATIONAL MENTORING
MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives JP O`Neill, Kennedy, E Coderre, Naughton, and Morrison

Date Introduced: January 19, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership was built on the noble premise that
2 “when we invest today in expanding our community's capacity to mentor our youth, we will see
3 an incredible return in the lives of our children and the health of our communities for generations
4 to come”; and

5 WHEREAS, A non-profit organization based in Warwick, the Rhode Island Mentoring
6 Partnership provides support services to fifty-five mentoring programs, affecting more than 4,400
7 children across the state; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition, the Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership established and is
9 directly running highly successful programs in Warwick, Woonsocket, and Newport. The
10 Warwick and Woonsocket programs have produced measurable results, with a recent survey
11 showing improvement in the reading performance of fifty-three percent of the enrolled children,
12 an improvement in the writing performance of fifty-two percent of the children, an improvement
13 in mathematics performance of forty-nine percent of the children, and fewer disciplinary
14 problems in eighty-two percent of the enrolled children; and

15 WHEREAS, National statistics have also shown that children with mentors are more
16 likely to succeed, with forty-six percent of the mentored young people less likely to begin using
17 drugs, twenty-seven percent less likely to begin using alcohol, fifty-three percent less likely to
18 skip school, and thirty-three percent less likely to engage in violence; and

19 WHEREAS, Mentoring is a two-way street. Mentors provide time and positive guidance

1 to those they help, but in return, they receive personal satisfaction and fulfillment. The
2 experience of being a mentor can perhaps be best summed up with a quote from an unknown
3 writer, “To the world, you may just be somebody. But to somebody, you may just be the world”;
4 now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
6 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims the Month of January 2011 to be “National Mentoring
7 Month” in the State of Rhode Island. Signed into law in 2002, this year marks the 10th year
8 national celebration; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby urges all the citizens of the state
10 to join us in acknowledging and applauding the admirable efforts of the Rhode Island Mentoring
11 Partnership, and all student mentors across the state. We furthermore urge any Rhode Islander
12 who has an hour to spare each week to become a mentor to a child in need; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership.

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