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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 APRIL 7, 2011, AS "SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION DAY" IN THE STATE
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representative Arthur Handy

Date Introduced: March 31, 2011

Referred To: Placed on House Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Social work is a profession for those who possess a strong desire to help
2 improve folks' lives. Social workers help individuals function the best way they can in their
3 environment and in their relationships. They help to solve people's personal and family problems;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Social work education prepares students for work as professionally qualified
6 social workers. The goal is to help develop competent and accountable social workers who are
7 able to strengthen families and their communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Employment of social workers is expected to increase by 16 percent during
9 the 2008-2018 decade, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. Concern about
10 crime, juvenile delinquency, and services for individuals with physical, psychological, and
11 cognitive disabilities, and individuals and families in crisis are impelling the necessity for more
12 social workers; and

13 WHEREAS, Rhode Island College School of Social Work, Providence College
14 Department of Social Work, Salve Regina University Department of Social Work, and the
15 Community College of Rhode Island Social Work Education are helping to fill the imminent call
16 for future social workers through comprehensive education and training programs; now, therefore
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims April 7, 2011, to be "Social Work Education Day" in

1 the State of Rhode Island. We encourage professors, teachers, principals, students, and all of the
2 citizens of this state to participate in this day, acknowledging the wonderful education by Rhode
3 Island College School of Social Work, Providence College Department of Social Work, Salve
4 Regina University Department of Social Work, and the Community College of Rhode Social
5 Work Education; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That this House recognizes and honors the great benefits and invaluable
7 service professionally-trained social workers provide to the citizens of this state; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Chapter of the National
10 Association of Social Workers, Rhode Island College School of Social Work, Providence College
11 Department of Social Work, Salve Regina University Department of Social Work, and the
12 Community College of Rhode Island Social Work Education.

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