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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

**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MARIA MONTANARO FOR HER SERVICE TO THE
THUNDERMIST HEALTH CENTER AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE
ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Brien, Phillips, McNamara, and E Coderre

Date Introduced: May 10, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Maria Montanaro, Chief Executive Officer of Thundermist Health Center, is
2 retiring after eleven years of dedicated service overseeing the organization’s five healthcare
3 center sites that provide over 1000 comprehensive primary healthcare visits a year; and

4 WHEREAS, During her tenure at Thundermist, Mrs. Montanaro has provided invaluable
5 leadership, resulting in the organization being recognized for “excellence in promoting high
6 quality primary care to the medically underserved”; and

7 WHEREAS, Attaining her M.S.W. from the University of Illinois in health policy and
8 her B.S. from the University of Massachusetts, Mrs. Montanaro has spent nineteen years as an
9 executive manager in community health. She has also been involved with health projects in Latin
10 America, including Thundermist's Shoulder to Shoulder project in Honduras, and has worked as
11 an organizational consultant to the Global Health Education Consortium; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to her work with Thundermist, Mrs. Montanaro has provided her
13 time and expertise to numerous professional and local groups, including the Neighborhood Health
14 Plan of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Public Expenditures Council, the Electronic Health
15 Records of RI, The Molar Express, the Rhode Island Health Centers Association, Woman and
16 Infants’ Hospital’s Breast Health Center, the Rhode Island Quality Institute, the National
17 Association of Community Health Centers, the Robert Graham Center, and the Rhode Island
18 State Task Force on Medicaid Reform; and

19 WHEREAS, Maria Montanaro could be described as a “woman for all seasons.” Her

1 commitment to excellence in healthcare is renowned, and her devotion to community and civic
2 interests has been unwavering and heartfelt; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
4 Providence Plantations hereby honors Maria Montanaro for more than a decade of conscientious
5 and passionate service at Thundermist Health Center. We furthermore wish Maria and her
6 husband continued health, happiness, and much success as they begin new lives and adventures in
7 Des Moines; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Maria Montanaro.

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