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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**HONORING JOANNE M. GIANNINI ON RECEIVING THE DAVINCI CENTER  
COMMUNITY HUMANITARIAN AWARD 2011**

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Lima, DeSimone, Corvese, and Schadone

Date Introduced: May 12, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Our friend and former colleague, The Honorable Joanne M. Giannini, has  
2 received the prestigious honor of being selected as the 2011 recipient of the DaVinci Center  
3 Community Humanitarian Award. Given annually, this award is presented to persons who “give  
4 unselfishly of themselves for the betterment of humanity”; and

5           WHEREAS, Joanne Giannini is a lifelong resident of the City of Providence. She and  
6 her husband, Stephen, reside in the Mt. Pleasant/Elmhurst/Valley neighborhood. She has been a  
7 member of the Concerned Citizens of Mount Pleasant, Mount Pleasant Crime Watch, Providence  
8 Crime Watch, the Elmhurst Association, the Elmhurst Clean and Green Environment Group, the  
9 Friends of Elmhurst Association, and the Friends of Mt. Pleasant Library for many years; and

10           WHEREAS, Her commitment to the community eventually motivated Joanne Giannini to  
11 seek and win election to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, where she passionately  
12 served the people of District 7, encompassing neighborhoods in the City of Providence, for  
13 sixteen years; and

14           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to equality and to bettering the lives of those less  
15 fortunate and those who are not able to speak for themselves, Joanne was instrumental in enacting  
16 numerous pieces of landmark legislation, including Brendan’s Law, one of the toughest child  
17 abuse laws in the country, Lizzie’s Law, for children’s rights against an abusive parent, and  
18 legislation on “Shaken Baby Syndrome” and the “Safe Haven for Children” law. She was also a  
19 driving force behind legislation to end human trafficking, establish a commission to help stop

1 “Teen Violence,” and close the loopholes in Rhode Island’s indoor prostitution laws; and

2 WHEREAS, Held in the highest esteem by her peers and her constituency, Joanne served  
3 as Chair of the House Committee on Constituent Services and the House Committee on Health,  
4 Education, and Welfare. She was also the Sub-Committee Chair on General Government of the  
5 House Finance Committee, and a member of the House committees on Energy and Environment,  
6 as well as House Judiciary, during her tenure at the State House; and

7 WHEREAS, Joanne’s civic and community involvement also includes serving as a  
8 member of the Rhode Island College Foundation, the Commission on Aging, and the Rhode  
9 Island Commission on Women. She was also a Board Member of Prevent Child Abuse and Past  
10 Chair of the Rhode Island Caucus of Women Legislators; and

11 WHEREAS, For her service to the people of this state as a former Representative of the  
12 Rhode Island General Assembly, as well as her abiding dedication to a panoply of local and  
13 altruistic organizations, Joanne Giannini has earned a myriad of honors and awards. She has also  
14 distinguished herself as a person worthy of this illustrious honor, as well as our utmost admiration  
15 and gratitude; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
17 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes and honors Joanne Giannini for many years of  
18 outstanding service to our state, and for being selected by the DaVinci Center to be the 2011  
19 recipient of the Community Humanitarian Award. We wish her good health, much happiness,  
20 and continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The Honorable Joanne M. Giannini.

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