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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

**CONGRATULATING HELEN PECKHAM ANDERSON ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER
100TH BIRTHDAY ON MAY 2, 2011**

Introduced By: Representative Deborah L. Ruggiero

Date Introduced: May 17, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Helen was born ten decades ago on May 2^d of 1911. That same year,
2 William Howard Taft was inaugurated as the 27th President of the United States, a letter cost two
3 cents to mail, a loaf of bread was a nickel, and the United States Mint issued the very first
4 Lincoln penny; and

5 WHEREAS, This May 2^d, Helen Peckham Anderson, a lifelong resident of Jamestown,
6 Rhode Island, was surrounded by family, friends, and loved ones at Alite Care for the celebration
7 of her 100th birthday; and

8 WHEREAS, Helen married John (“Jack”) Anderson and together they raised four
9 children, sons Jack and Peter, and daughters Debra and Carol; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to making a wonderful home for her family, Helen worked as a
11 teller for Industrial National Bank and as the bookkeeper for the family businesses; and

12 WHEREAS, The Andersons owned and operated the Anderson Dairy, and later
13 owned and operated Jamestown Designs located in the heart of Jamestown Village, now a
14 business operated by their daughters; and

15 WHEREAS, Helen never rested until the finances balanced to the penny. She
16 managed the family businesses with pencil, paper, and a keen mind, not the new technology
17 of a calculator. Helen was responsible for the books until the age of 95; and

18 WHEREAS, In spite of her busy schedule, Helen never missed a sporting event for her
19 children or grandchildren. She enjoys watching URI football and basketball so much that in 2007,

1 Helen received the University of Rhode Island’s “Fan of the Year” Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Helen enjoys going out every day for lunch and attending events at
3 Jamestown Designs; and

4 WHEREAS, Helen’s wealth of knowledge, gentle spirit, and overall exuberance for life
5 have blessed the lives of those around her. We applaud her myriad accomplishments and honor
6 her 100th birthday. Having lived through a century of great troubles, changes, challenges, and
7 joys, she has been a source of love and stability for those around her; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
9 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Helen Peckham Anderson on the celebration of her
10 100th birthday this May 2, 2011; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Helen Peckham Anderson.

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