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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 MAY 20TH OF 2011 TO BE "ENDANGERED SPECIES DAY" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representative Arthur Handy

Date Introduced: May 18, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, A healthy environment is an integral part of Rhode Island's economy,
2 society, and culture; and

3 WHEREAS, For more than thirty years, the Endangered Species Act has served as the
4 nation's safety net for wildlife, saving hundreds of plants and animals from extinction, putting
5 hundreds more on the path to recovery, and safeguarding the habitats on which they all depend;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Saving a species requires a combination of sound research, careful
8 coordination, and intensive management of conservation efforts, along with increased public
9 awareness and education; and

10 WHEREAS, Education and increasing public awareness are the first steps in effectively
11 informing the public about endangered species and species restoration efforts; and

12 WHEREAS, Species extinction and habitat destruction are a serious threat to our own
13 welfare, as nature is the source for most of our commonly-prescribed medicines, and the loss of
14 species could mean the loss of life-saving drugs; and

15 WHEREAS, Protecting Rhode Island's and America's wildlife and plants today is the
16 legacy we leave to our children and grandchildren. We have the responsibility of ensuring that
17 future generations will not only have use of the best available science, but will also be able to
18 delight in experiencing the rich variety of native species that have helped to define our Ocean
19 State; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 20th of 2011 to be “Endangered Species Day” in
3 the State of Rhode Island. We furthermore urge the citizens of the state, both young and old, to
4 learn about the importance of protecting endangered species and the everyday actions that people
5 can take to help protect our nation’s disappearing wildlife and last remaining open spaces; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Tara Thornton, Program Director of the
9 Endangered Species Coalition.

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