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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING AND SUPPORTING THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF 401GIVES, RHODE ISLAND'S STATEWIDE DAY OF GIVING ON APRIL 1, 2024

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazjewski, Kazarian, Noret, Baginski, Solomon, Ajello, and Edwards

Date Introduced: March 28, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Winston Churchill is quoted as saying “We make a living by what we get;
2 we make a life by what we give.” Powered by the United Way of Rhode Island, 401Gives
3 empowers every Rhode Islander with the ability to expand their hearts and lives through the joy
4 of helping others; and

5 WHEREAS, Started in April of 2020, to help altruistic organizations during the COVID
6 pandemic, 401Gives provides all Rhode Islanders with “a safe, comfortable, and familiar virtual
7 fundraising experience,” to donate to nonprofit organizations throughout the State; and

8 WHEREAS, Currently, Rhode Island’s nonprofit sector employs 16 percent of the State’s
9 workforce, representing a higher portion of the RI workforce than the manufacturing industry;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, From education to social needs, as well as the arts, parks, and more, Rhode
12 Island’s nonprofit sector touches every aspect of life in our State; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the past four years, 401Gives has raised and distributed \$10 million to
14 more than 800 nonprofits across Rhode Island, and attained a donation realization rate, which is
15 how much each organization “took home”, of more than 99 percent of their goal; and

16 WHEREAS, Everyone can make a difference in Rhode Island by helping to build the
17 capacity of all nonprofits in all sectors and geographic locations across the State; now, therefore
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby

1 celebrates and wholeheartedly supports the 5th Anniversary of 401Gives on April 1, 2024, and
2 asks every Rhode Islander to generously donate and grow our State's culture of philanthropy; and
3 be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Cortney M. Nicolato, MS, President and CEO
6 of United Way of Rhode Island.

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