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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
90TH ANNIVERSARY AND PROCLAIMING MARCH 10TH, 2010, TO BE
"LWVRI MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Paiva-Weed, Crowley, Gallo, Goodwin, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 25, 2010

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The League of Women Voters (LWVUS) nationally and its Rhode Island
2 affiliate the League of Women Voters of Rhode Island (LWVRI), were established to encourage
3 “the informed and active participation of citizens in government, work to increase understanding
4 of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy”; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1920, after the National American Woman Suffrage Association
6 (NAWSA) successfully achieved ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, which
7 gave women the right to vote, the organization was renamed the National League of Women
8 Voters; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1946, the organization became the LWVUS and changed from a
10 federation of state leagues to a unified association of members; and

11 WHEREAS, The LWVRI was formed within Rhode Island as a grassroots nonpartisan
12 political organization, and has held the public trust by respectfully bringing elected leaders and
13 the public together through nonpartisan, civil means and through thoughtfully advancing
14 solutions; and

15 WHEREAS, For 90 years, the LWVRI has collaborated with other organizations to
16 achieve mutual goals, increase civic participation, create lasting change in the community, and to
17 “Make Democracy Work”; and

18 WHEREAS, Our state has benefited tremendously from the countless volunteer hours

1 donated by league members over its 90-year history of enhancing democracy; now, therefore be it
2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby congratulates the League of Women Voters RI on the occasion of its 90th Anniversary;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby proclaims March 10th of 2010 to be “LWVRI
6 Making Democracy Work Day” in the State of Rhode Island and urges all the citizens of the state
7 to pay tribute and honor the League of Women Voters for all it does to make our communities
8 healthy, vibrant, and strong; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to President Joanne DeVoe, LWVRI.

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