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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE STATE ALLIANCE OF RHODE ISLAND YMCAS

Introduced By: Senators McBurney, Paiva-Weed, Jabour, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: April 14, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The YMCA is a charitable, voluntary, community-based organization
2 dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, youth, adults, and families and to
3 strengthening communities through programs that build the spirit, mind, and body; and

4 WHEREAS, Known for its comprehensive health and fitness activities, the YMCA
5 excels in educating individuals on how to lead healthier lives. In addition, the YMCA promotes
6 the teaching and role modeling of four key character values: caring, honesty, respect, and
7 responsibility; and

8 WHEREAS, The YMCA is a leading provider of licensed child-care in the State of
9 Rhode Island, providing a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment for 4,100 youths every day.
10 The YMCA has over 143,000 members, 44,500 under the age of 18, engaged in activities and
11 services designed to build healthier spirits, minds, and bodies. The YMCA annually provides
12 \$5,700,000 of charitable financial assistance and free and subsidized programs to individuals and
13 groups to ensure that all can participate in YMCA programs and services, regardless of their
14 ability to pay. YMCAs bring together the young and old, men and women, and people of all faiths
15 and incomes. They seek to provide individuals with opportunities for personal development and
16 to foster their sense of responsibility to one another and to the local, national, and world
17 community; and

18 WHEREAS, All six Rhode Island YMCA organizations have united to form an alliance.
19 They are promoting the growth of the Y movement in Rhode Island, enhancing programming,
20 coordinating policy advocacy, and striving for excellence in everything that they do; and

1 WHEREAS, On April 17, 2010, The State Alliance of Rhode Island YMCAs will
2 celebrate their annual Healthy Kids Day®, a free, interactive special event that employs fun,
3 engaging, and creative activities to encourage children and their families to adopt behaviors that
4 support healthy lifestyles; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby recognizes The State Alliance of Rhode Island YMCAs as a leading partner in the state's
7 quest to build stronger children, families, and communities. We furthermore congratulate The
8 State Alliance of Rhode Island YMCAs for its tireless efforts to fulfill the mission to put
9 Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for
10 all; 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 the Chairman of The State Alliance of Rhode
13 Island YMCAs.

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