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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING OCEAN STATE JOB LOT FOR ITS "THREE SQUARE MEALS" HUNGER
RELIEF PROGRAM

Introduced By: Senators DaPonte, Paiva Weed, Algieri, Metts, and Satchell

Date Introduced: March 26, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Nearly one in four American households do not have enough nutritious food
2 to eat. Ocean State Job Lot has taken up the gauntlet to alleviate this food crisis in the Northeast
3 with its "Three Square Meals" program; and

4 WHEREAS, The "Three Square Meals" event is expected to provide and distribute 78
5 tractor trailers, loaded with food, to more than a dozen food banks and pantries across six New
6 England states and New York throughout the upcoming year, and marks the largest single food
7 donation of its kind by a private company in New England; and

8 WHEREAS, Ocean State Job Lot was founded in 1977, with its headquarters located in
9 North Kingstown. It is a privately held retail chain consisting of 111 stores distributed
10 throughout New England and New York, and employs approximately 4,000 individuals; and

11 WHEREAS, The company's altruistic arm, The Ocean State Job Lot Charitable
12 Foundation, has long been associated with donations to local food banks in communities where
13 Job Lot stores are located. Additionally, the Foundation supports "medical and educational
14 institutions, disaster relief efforts, the performing arts, our military service men and women, and
15 special needs and foster children"; and

16 WHEREAS, The first of the "Three Square Meals" life-changing deliveries of food is
17 commencing on March 25, of 2014, and will encompass a convoy of 17 tractor trailer trucks that
18 will be loaded with 600,000 lbs of nutritious shelf-stable food. In addition to the food, Job Lot
19 will also handle and donate all the time, labor, and equipment to get the deliveries made; and

1 WHEREAS, Even one child going to bed hungry is too many, and thanks to "Three
2 Square Meals" and The Ocean State Job Lot Charitable Foundation, many, many families in our
3 state and in neighboring states will not be going to bed hungry or worrying where their next meal
4 is coming from; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby applauds and commends Ocean State Job Lot for its incredibly generous \$1.4 million food
7 donation through the "Three Square Meals" hunger relief program; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Alan Perlman, Ocean State Job Lot
10 Owner/Partner.

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