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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 5, 2010, AS "CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DAY" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, and Connors

Date Introduced: May 05, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Since the 1995 passage of Rhode Island's Charter Public Schools enabling
2 legislation, 13 start-up institutions have been established serving over 3,400 students from 31
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, Charter Public Schools are independent public schools of choice that are
5 free to be more innovative and are accountable for student achievement; and

6 WHEREAS, Today, Rhode Island Charter Public Schools primarily serve urban areas
7 and face challenges of poverty at a higher than average rate. Yet, these schools continue to be
8 among the strongest in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Charter Public Schools provide an alternative public education to students
10 who desire a different learning environment than that provided by traditional public schools.
11 Charters provide Rhode Island parents and students their only public school choice option; and

12 WHEREAS, Charter Public Schools are designed to deliver programs tailored to
13 education excellence and community need; and

14 WHEREAS, There is a growing unmet demand for Rhode Island Charter Public Schools
15 as evidenced by a waiting list of over 4,500 students; and

16 WHEREAS, Because they are public schools of choice, Charter Schools are held to the
17 highest level of accountability—consumer demand; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby proclaims May 5, 2010, as "Charter Public School Day" in Rhode Island, and recognizes

1 the achievement of our 13 Charter Public Schools; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Principals/Directors of Rhode Island's 13

4 Charter Public Schools.

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