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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING NICHOLAS ALAHVERDIAN AND NEXUSGOVERNMENT ON  
FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN DCYF CARE AND FOR NICHOLAS  
ALAHVERDIAN'S SERVICE TO THIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced By: Representative Rene R. Menard

Date Introduced: May 10, 2011

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1           WHEREAS, It is fitting that this House of Representatives recognizes those citizens who,  
2 through their determination and unwavering commitment to the prevention of child abuse and  
3 negligence, have distinguished themselves in academia, state government, and in their  
4 communities; and

5           WHEREAS, Nicholas Alahverdian is one such exceptional citizen. He has relentlessly  
6 fought for the rights and privileges of children and adolescents in state care; and

7           WHEREAS, As someone who was previously in DCYF care, Nicholas Alahverdian has  
8 broken many barriers. He is authoring a book on the poet Sylvia Plath, he is the current policy  
9 director of NexusGovernment, and he is a student at Harvard University; and

10           WHEREAS, His domestic non-profit corporation, NexusGovernment, duly established  
11 with the Office of the Secretary of State, is a constant presence in the State House and across  
12 Rhode Island, advocating for the protection of rights of all Rhode Islanders; and

13           WHEREAS, He was hired first by Senator Beatrice A. Lanzi and subsequently Speaker  
14 Gordon D. Fox, and served this honorable House of Representatives as a Page and a Legislative  
15 Aide from 2002 through 2003, and was a dependable and ubiquitous young servant to the duly  
16 elected Representatives of this House; and

17           WHEREAS, He has been employed or otherwise associated with the Swearer Center for  
18 Public Service at Brown University, the Providence Urban Debate League, the YMCA of Greater  
19 Providence, the Rhode Island Disability Law Center, and NBC News; and

1           WHEREAS, Nicholas Alahverdian has distinguished himself as someone who is ready  
2 and willing to conquer any possible obstacle that obstructs the path to ensuring that all rights of  
3 children and adolescents in state care are protected; and

4           WHEREAS, Nicholas Alahverdian first carved out his place in history by having the  
5 unique political beginner's lesson of being heckled by over 900 people, when, as a mere high  
6 school student in 2002, he testified in support of the Mayor of Cranston at a City Council hearing;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Nicholas Alahverdian deserved and wanted nothing more than a high school  
9 education, pursuant to state law, but as a youth in night-to-night care under DCYF, was  
10 prohibited from receiving the same; and

11           WHEREAS, An outspoken advocate for abandoned, abused, and neglected children,  
12 Nicholas Alahverdian has done and will do his utmost to help provide for fair living standards  
13 and the protection of rights for youth in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and  
14 the United States of America; now, therefore be it

15           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
16 Providence Plantations honors Nicholas Alahverdian's tireless devotion to the protection of  
17 children and adolescents in the care of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and  
18 the prevention of abuse and negligence upon the same; and be it further

19           RESOLVED, That we affirm that we appreciate his service to this House of  
20 Representatives, Speaker Fox, the leadership of the State of Rhode Island and Providence  
21 Plantations, and the people of this state. We extend our sincere wishes for his continued  
22 happiness and success; and be it further

23           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
24 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Nicholas Alahverdian.

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