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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING BENJAMIN GOLDBERG ON EARNING THE PRESTIGIOUS TITLE  
OF UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION NATIONAL CHESS MASTER**

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, and Morrison

Date Introduced: January 20, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is fitting that this House recognizes those individuals who have exalted  
2 themselves through their talents and unflinching commitment to excellence in their chosen field;  
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4           WHEREAS, Chess was invented over fifteen hundred years ago in India. It is a classic  
5 game of strategy, requiring extreme concentration and a heightened ability to recognize complex  
6 patterns; and

7           WHEREAS, Benjamin "Ben" Goldberg began playing chess at the age of fifteen. He  
8 competed in his first competition in 1996. Year after year, he rose in the rankings until 1999,  
9 when he hit a wall and decided to take a step back from competition; and

10           WHEREAS, The desire to return to the game beckoned and in 2001, Ben returned to  
11 competition. Over the next eight years, he experienced ups and downs but maintained an expert  
12 standing; and

13           WHEREAS, In November of 2010, Ben Goldberg earned the exceptional distinction of  
14 becoming a United States Chess Federation (USCF) National Chess Master, a feat that requires  
15 earning a rating of 2200 and is granted for life; and

16           WHEREAS, There are always individuals who rise above the rest, who dare to dream,  
17 and who are willing to endeavor to make those dreams become reality. Benjamin Goldberg is  
18 just such an exceptional person, and he is truly deserving of our recognition and praise; now,  
19 therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and applauds Benjamin Goldberg on attaining the  
3 USCF title of National Chess Master. The entire membership extends best wishes for his  
4 continued success, good health, and much happiness; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Benjamin Goldberg.

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