WHEREAS, The safe integration of unmanned aircraft systems into the National Airspace System promises to drive new economic development and consumer choice, promote more responsible stewardship of natural resources, facilitate more effective emergency response and disaster recovery, and improve the efficiency and security of energy, transportation, and communications networks; and

WHEREAS, Direct operation of unmanned aircraft systems, for both commercial and non-commercial use, is growing rapidly, with more than 1,000,000 aircraft already registered; and

WHEREAS, The development and adoption of services provided by unmanned aircraft systems is expected to generate billions of new economic activity and create thousands of new jobs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The safe operation of unmanned aircraft systems, both for non-commercial and commercial purposes, is necessary for continued innovation, economic activity, and public benefit; and

WHEREAS, Prospective operators of unmanned aircraft systems must understand and abide by relevant requirements and limitations to ensure the safe operation of such systems; and

WHEREAS, The regulatory framework for unmanned aircraft systems continues to develop, including steps by the Federal Aviation Administration to integrate unmanned aircraft systems into the National Airspace System and issuance of operational requirements for small unmanned aircraft systems operations in the airspace; and

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE "KNOW BEFORE YOU FLY" CAMPAIGN AS AN OFFICIAL SOURCE OF SAFETY EDUCATION FOR PROSPECTIVE AND ACTIVE OPERATORS OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IN RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Millea, Shekarchi, Azzinaro, and Williams

Date Introduced: January 16, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed
WHEREAS, Easily accessible and freely available information regarding current
guidance for safe and responsible unmanned aircraft systems operations provides certainty to
unmanned aircraft system owners and operators, maximizes the public benefits of unmanned
aircraft systems, and mitigates risks to public safety and security; and

WHEREAS, "Know Before You Fly" is an education campaign founded by the
Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International and the Academy of Model
Aeronautics in partnership with the Federal Aviation Administration to educate prospective users
about the safe and responsible operation of unmanned aircraft systems; and

WHEREAS, The "Know Before You Fly" educational campaign has developed
relationships with more than 150 supporters, including unmanned aircraft manufacturers, law
enforcement agencies, retailers, labor organizations, and institutions of higher education; now,
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
Providence Plantations hereby recognizes and supports the "Know Before You Fly" program as
an official source of safety education for prospective and active operators of unmanned aircraft
systems in Rhode Island; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit duly certifies copies of this resolution to Mr. Dallas Brooks, Chairman of the Board of
the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, Mr. Rich Hanson, President of the
Academy of Model Aeronautics, and Mr. Dan Elwell, Acting Administrator, Federal Aviation
Administration.

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