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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF LOCAL 1329 OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND COMMEMORATING THE MASTERS OF THE
CRAFT DOCUMENTARY PHOTO EXHIBIT

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Diaz, Almeida, Hull, and Abney

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Local 1329 of the International Longshoremen's Association (I.L.A.) was
2 founded in 1933, in Providence, Rhode Island, under the leadership of Manuel Q. Ledo, John F.
3 Lopez, and John "Toi" Fernandes; and

4 WHEREAS, I.L.A. Local 1329 was the first union organized in New England consisting
5 of a predominantly Cape Verdean membership; and

6 WHEREAS, Contributing greatly to the economy of this state, Members of Local 1329 of
7 the I.L.A. loaded and unloaded cargo in the Port of Providence and vicinity; and

8 WHEREAS, Local 1329 was at the forefront of the national movement for workers'
9 rights, organizing two years before the passage of the Wagner Act, which legalized the formation
10 of unions in the private sector; and

11 WHEREAS, I.L.A. Local 1329 established a system of seniority in order to assure its
12 senior members a fair share of the work and hours towards retirement; and

13 WHEREAS, The members of Local 1329 fought for improvements on the docks, such as
14 safety, job securities, and benefits; and

15 WHEREAS, Local 1329 played an important role in the 20th century development of the
16 Port of Providence and the waterfront, and continues in the 21st century as a partner in the
17 emergence of the Ports of Providence and Davisville as growth centers in Rhode Island's
18 economic recovery plans; and

19 WHEREAS, This year, 2013, marks the 80th Anniversary of the founding of Local 1329

1 and is commemorated by the Masters of the Craft Gallery of Memory documentary photo exhibit
2 at City Hall in Providence; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
4 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes the 80th Anniversary of Local 1329 of the I.L.A. and
5 commemorates the Masters of the Craft Documentary Photo Exhibit; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Local 1329 of the International
8 Longshoremen's Association.

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