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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**RESPECTFULLY URGING THE PRESIDENT AND UNITED STATES SENATE TO ADOPT  
THE "CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD" IN ITS ENTIRETY**

Introduced By: Representatives E Coderre, JP O`Neill, Johnston, O`Grady, and San Bento

Date Introduced: March 02, 2011

Referred To: House Judiciary

1           WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the  
2 Rights of the Child (CROC) more than twenty years ago on November 20, 1989. On September  
3 20, 1990, it was ratified by the required number of nations; and

4           WHEREAS, The CROC is a "human rights treaty setting out the civil, political,  
5 economic, social, and cultural rights of children" through fifty-four specific Articles designating  
6 the special care and assistance children are entitled to and desperately require; and

7           WHEREAS, To date, one hundred ninety-three countries have ratified the CROC; the  
8 United States and Somalia are the only two countries worldwide that have failed to adopt this  
9 human rights treaty protecting one of our country's most vulnerable populations; and

10           WHEREAS, In 2002, the United States did ratify two optional protocols to the CROC,  
11 but left the definition and implementation of numerous "children's rights" up to individual states.  
12 As a result, the treatment and rights afforded children varies from state to state; and

13           WHEREAS, Ratification of the CROC is accomplished by the President pursuant to  
14 Article II Section 2 of the United States Constitution and requires approval of two-thirds of the  
15 United States Senate. If enacted, the CROC would become superior to the laws of the states and  
16 their judicial systems, and would be subordinate only to the text of the Constitution; and

17           WHEREAS, All children across this great country equally and fully deserve the  
18 protections defined and outlined in the fifty-four articles of the Convention on the Rights of the  
19 Child; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully urges the President and the United States Senate to  
3 adopt in its entirety the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States of America  
6 and the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

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