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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THOMAS E. NEWMAN, III, ON BEING NAMED
THE RHODE ISLAND MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION
2013 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Hearn, Chippendale, Finn, and Marcello

Date Introduced: June 12, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Thomas Newman has been diagnosed with centronuclear myopathy with a
2 titin protein mutation, a genetic cell abnormality that causes muscle weakness. For some people,
3 that diagnosis may well have limited their joy for life, but not so for Thomas; and

4 WHEREAS, Thomas is a happy and outgoing five-year-old kindergarten student at
5 Meeting Street School. On June 22nd, he will be turning six, although he possesses the soul of
6 someone much older. Thomas enjoys school, reading, cooking, playing with Legos, and video
7 games; and

8 WHEREAS, An irrepressible personality, combined with the optimism of a pure heart
9 and a great sense of humor, as well as family support and the resources available through the
10 Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), have enabled Thomas to lead a fun, fairly independent,
11 and full life and have made him an exemplary candidate for the MDA's Goodwill Ambassador;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Thomas hails from Riverside where he lives with his mom, Kathryn, and his
14 Nonna and Papa. He has also accumulated a plethora of friends from around the state and is
15 particularly proud of his friendship with Congressman David Cicilline, whom he met through his
16 work with the MDA. His hero, although he has yet to meet him, is Morgan Freeman; and

17 WHEREAS, Over the course of his tenure as the 2013 MDA Goodwill Ambassador,
18 Thomas will attend fundraisers, including one to be held on July 21st at the China Gourmet
19 Restaurant in Riverside, and will sponsor gatherings and other events to spread the word about

1 MDA and its mission to find treatment and cures for neuromuscular diseases; and

2 WHEREAS, There are always young people who rise above the rest, who overcome
3 obstacles many of us will never have to face and are willing to endeavor to make their dreams
4 become reality. Thomas Newman is just such an exceptional young man. With a strength that
5 belies his youth, his determination is inspirational and he is truly deserving of our recognition and
6 praise; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby honors and congratulates Thomas E. Newman, III, on being named
9 the Muscular Dystrophy Association 2013 Goodwill Ambassador for our state. We wish him
10 continued success and much happiness; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Thomas E. Newman, III.

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