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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

ENACTING THE INSTITUTION OF THE RHODE ISLAND HUMANITIES CAUCUS

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Hearn, Savage, Marcello, and Keable

Date Introduced: June 28, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Article XII of the Rhode Island Constitution underscores the importance of
2 “the diffusion of knowledge, as well as of virtue among the people being essential to the
3 preservation of their rights and liberties”; and

4 WHEREAS, The diffusion of knowledge is reflected in the work of the Rhode Island
5 Council of the Humanities through the Council’s promotion of art, history, literature, philosophy,
6 religion, civics, and other fields, collectively known as the humanities; and

7 WHEREAS, The humanities are an integral part of Rhode Island’s economy and culture;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Rhode Island has a long and proud history of promoting the humanities in
10 the public life; and

11 WHEREAS, It is the priority of the General Assembly to inspire intellectual curiosity and
12 imagination and ignite the diffusion of knowledge in all Rhode Islanders by promoting the public
13 understanding of the tradition of thought and accomplishment that is the humanities; now,
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby enacts the Rhode Island Humanities Caucus, a bi-partisan
17 legislative caucus charged with studying and promoting policies that support the growth of the
18 humanities in our state; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three (3)
20 members of the House, not more than two (2) of whom shall be from the same political party, to

1 serve on the caucus beginning during the legislative session that commences in January 2012; and
2 be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the caucus will meet quarterly for one calendar year and will work
4 with three (3) members of the humanities community appointed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives to produce a report to the House of Representatives suggesting strategies for
6 promoting the growth of the humanities in Rhode Island; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities.

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