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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE HEAVENLY GINGERS 6 FUNDRAISER

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Palangio, Corvese, Marshall, and Carnevale

Date Introduced: March 03, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, On March 22nd, 2016, the Heavenly Gingers 6 fundraiser will honor and
2 celebrate two beautiful and "fiery redheads" whose lives were too short, but filled with a passion
3 and vibrancy that left a deep and lasting imprint on all those around them; and

4 WHEREAS, Jessica Morris was the beloved daughter of John and Kathie Morris, and the
5 sister of Kayla Morris. She was only twenty years old when she lost her battle with ovarian
6 cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, Keri O'Donnell was the cherished daughter of Frank and Karen O'Donnell
8 and the sister of Elyse, Kayla, and Patrick. She was just fifteen when she passed in a tragic car
9 accident; and

10 WHEREAS, To celebrate the lives of these two special young women, family and friends
11 founded Jessie's Dream and the Keri Anne O'Donnell Memorial Fund. These two nonprofit
12 organizations help to raise funds to support young performers so they can afford camp,
13 workshops, and lessons that will assist them in their chosen fields. Annually, around \$10,000 is
14 raised through events such as the Heavenly Gingers 6; and

15 WHEREAS, This year's event will feature a panoply of entertainment, including dance
16 and musical performances, as well as magic and comedy, which is truly a fitting tribute to two
17 memorable "gingers," Jessica Morris and Keri O'Donnell; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes and commends The Heavenly Gingers 6 Fundraiser.
20 We furthermore wish them much success in their noble efforts; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to John and Kathie Morris and Family, and Frank
3 and Karen O'Donnell and Family.

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