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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP OF THE
NEWPORT RESTORATION FOUNDATION FOR "KEEPING HISTORY ABOVE WATER"

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Fogarty, Abney, Ruggiero, and Ajello

Date Introduced: March 10, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Newport Restoration Foundation was founded in 1968 by Doris Duke,
2 an heiress and lifelong preservationist who summered in Newport and spent much of her vast
3 fortune restoring colonial buildings in the city; and

4 WHEREAS, Established as a non-profit institution, the Newport Restoration Foundation
5 works to preserve, interpret, and maintain landscape and objects that reflect Aquidneck Island's
6 18th- and 19th-century architectural culture; and

7 WHEREAS, Having restored or preserved eighty-three buildings since its inception, the
8 Newport Restoration Foundation continues to own seventy-eight historic buildings, including
9 seventy-three homes that are rented as private residences, adding to the rich history and vibrancy
10 of the community; and

11 WHEREAS, On April 10th through the 13th of April, 2016, the Newport Restoration
12 Foundation is presenting the "Keeping History Above Water Conference," which will be "one of
13 the first national conversations on the risks posed by sea level rise to historic coastal communities
14 and their built environments"; and

15 WHEREAS, Awareness for the value, and dedication to the historic preservation of our
16 state's architecture and culture is an essential component in building a strong foundation for
17 future generations and the overall vitality of our state; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes the leadership of the Newport Restoration Foundation

1 for "Keeping History Above Water" and commends their almost fifty years of dedication to the
2 preservation of Aquidneck Island; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Pieter Roos, Executive Director of the Newport
5 Restoration Foundation.

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