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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 21-27, 2013, AS THE "GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS - CRANSTON COMMUNITY WOMEN'S CLUB VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Lynch, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: April 25, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Founded in April of 1890 and chartered by the United States Congress in
2 1901, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is one of the oldest nonpartisan,
3 nondenominational women's volunteer service organizations in the world; and

4 WHEREAS, The GFWC is dedicated to "community improvement by enhancing the
5 lives of others through volunteer service"; and

6 WHEREAS, GFWC has enriched and expanded the voice and role of women on almost
7 every issue of historic importance. Whether in the arts and conservation, or education and
8 international affairs, the GFWC has helped women to attain a distinguished record of community
9 commitment, contributions, and service; and

10 WHEREAS, Internationally, GFWC members in past years have contributed nearly \$32
11 million and have volunteered over 8.4 million hours through more than 230,000 club projects to
12 produce immense improvements in their communities; and

13 WHEREAS, Currently, Rhode Island has 10 women's clubs across the state, all working
14 on local club projects for the betterment and enrichment of our Ocean State; and

15 WHEREAS, The dedicated leadership of local volunteers like the late Ethel J.
16 Dellasandro, who served as President of GFCW-Cranston Community Women's Club and past
17 Junior Director Executive Board of GFCW-RI, has allowed local GFCW clubs to thrive; now,
18 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby proclaims the week of April 21-27, 2013, to be "General Federation of Women's Clubs
3 Cranston Community Women's Club Volunteers in Action Week" in the State of Rhode Island;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate recognizes and thanks the GFWC for more than a century
6 of commitment to encouraging women "to improve their skills, expand their rights, and apply
7 their abilities and special sensitivity to the problems of their communities and nations." We
8 commemorate the work of Ethel J. Dellasandro and know that her efforts will inspire subsequent
9 generations of women leaders in the State; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the General Federation of Women's Clubs
12 Cranston Community Women's Club.

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