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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE RHODE ISLAND LIONS SIGHT FOUNDATION, INC., FOR 50
YEARS OF SERVICE

Introduced By: Senator John J. Tassoni

Date Introduced: May 04, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Lions Sight Foundation (RILSF), an affiliate of the Lions
2 Clubs International, was founded in 1961 as the charitable arm of the Lions Clubs of District 42 -
3 Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Composed of service-minded men and women, the RILSF membership is
5 dedicated to the preservation of sight and to providing aid to the visually impaired; and

6 WHEREAS, Good vision is a precious gift. It allows us to enjoy the beauty of nature, the
7 smile of a loved one, and the many wonders in the world around us. Unfortunately, for many
8 people, eye problems interfere with their daily activities and can inhibit their enjoyment of life;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to its work overseas, the RILSF has approved myriad grants to
11 visually impaired Rhode Islanders for corrective surgery, prostheses or technical visual
12 equipment. It is a sponsor of Camp Mauchatea, a weeklong summer camp for Rhode Island's
13 visually impaired youngsters and is a sponsor of the VIP (Visually Impaired Persons) saltwater
14 fishing tournament which is the first of its kind in the northeastern United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The RILSF has also provided "large print" books and audiocassettes to
16 every library in the state and it has underwritten research projects at Women & Infants Hospital to
17 study severe vision loss in premature infants and purchased six PO2 monitors which prevent
18 premature blindness by carefully monitoring the intake of oxygen by premature infants; and

19 WHEREAS, Vision is an essential part of our everyday lives. It affects how we learn,

1 communicate, work, play, and interact with the world. The Rhode Island Lions Sight Foundation
2 has made a positive difference for countless Rhode Islanders, as well as scores of men, women,
3 and children in the Third World and it has earned the unqualified admiration and gratitude of the
4 residents of our state; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby congratulates the Rhode Island Lions Sight Foundation on the occasion of its 50th
7 Anniversary Year celebration. We furthermore recognize the entire club membership for their
8 dedicated service to the community. We know that they will continue to work to ensure a brighter
9 and clearer future for people who are visually impaired; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The Rhode Island Lions Sight Foundation.

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