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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 12, 2010, AS "DONATED DENTAL SERVICES DAY" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Connors, Gallo, Lynch, and Maselli

Date Introduced: May 12, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, In 1989, member dentists of the Rhode Island Dental Association
2 established the Rhode Island Foundation for Dentistry for the Handicapped and the Donated
3 Dental Services (DDS) Program; and

4 WHEREAS, In the Donated Dental Services Program, dentists and dental laboratories
5 donate comprehensive treatment for elderly and disabled persons, people who are often
6 overlooked and at-risk and who cannot afford dental care; and

7 WHEREAS, Nearly 200 dentists and 56 dental labs volunteer for the DDS Program, and
8 they have treated over 2,300 disabled and elderly patients with seriously neglected dental
9 problems throughout Rhode Island since the Program's inception; and

10 WHEREAS, Since 1989, Rhode Island dentists have contributed over \$3.7 million worth
11 of free dental care in their private dental offices through the Donated Dental Services Program;
12 now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
14 hereby congratulates and thanks the Rhode Island Dental Association volunteer dentists and the
15 dental laboratories who have donated their time, expertise, and private dental office treatment for
16 the benefit of these vulnerable people who would not otherwise receive dental treatment; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby proclaims May 12, 2010, as "Donated Dental Services Day" in Rhode Island, and

1 recognizes the commitment and effort by the dentists and labs to assist our neediest citizens; and
2 be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Dental Association and to the
5 Rhode Island Dental Laboratories Association.

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