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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING AND CONGRATULATING RHODE ISLAND KIDS COUNT ON THE  
OCCASION OF ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Paiva Weed, Metts, Algieri, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 08, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Herbert Hoover, our country's 31st President, once stated, "Children are our  
2 most valuable resource"; and

3           WHEREAS, This year marks the twentieth year of advocacy for Rhode Island children  
4 through the efforts of Rhode Island KIDS COUNT, "a statewide children's policy and advocacy  
5 organization dedicated to improving the health, education, economic wellbeing, and safety of  
6 Rhode Island's children"; and

7           WHEREAS, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT "provides independent, credible,  
8 comprehensive information on Rhode Island's children" and "uses that information to change or  
9 influence public policies and programs to improve children's lives"; and

10          WHEREAS, The information compiled by RI KIDS COUNT is backed by the best and  
11 most current research and data available; and

12          WHEREAS, The RI KIDS COUNT Factbook provides a collection of data detailing the  
13 wellbeing of our state's children and illuminating the need for children's welfare to be a critical  
14 part of the state's future economic investment strategy; and

15          WHEREAS, The organization also encourages collaboration from a panoply of people  
16 and groups from across the community, including parents, volunteers, religious leaders, child  
17 advocates, doctors, educators, directors of state agencies, and nonprofit leaders in order to find  
18 and implement the best solutions to problems facing the state's children and families; and

19          WHEREAS, For the past two decades Rhode Island KIDS COUNT has been helping to

1 build a brighter future for our state's children and the organization is eminently deserving of our  
2 gratitude and recognition; and

3           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
4 hereby congratulates Rhode Island KIDS COUNT on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary and  
5 celebrates 20 years of effective advocacy for Rhode Island's children; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Executive  
8 Director Elizabeth Burke Bryant.

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