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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

CELEBRATING THE "FESTIVAL OF FRANCOPHONIE" FROM MARCH 10TH THROUGH MARCH 31ST IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Brien, Newberry, E Coderre, Menard, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: March 22, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

WHEREAS, The “Festival of Francophonie” is a celebration of the diversity of the French-speaking world. This day is dedicated to the French language which unifies people on five continents; and

WHEREAS, This year’s ceremonies will include the raising of the Francophone Flag over the State Capitol on March 22nd, an event that is sponsored by the League of French-speaking Organizations of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, In addition, festivities include a speaking program, a musical portion performed by the Student-Choir of the French-American School of Rhode Island, recitals of French poetry by students from East Providence High School, and a culinary offering from students at the Beacon Charter High School of Woonsocket; and

WHEREAS, A total of 220 million people across the world speak French as either their first or second language; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has a significant population of citizens proud and skilled in the French language, and this multitude of linguistic diversity in our state has served to strengthen us culturally, economically, and intellectually; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby joins the League of French-speaking Organizations of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts and all of our state’s French-speaking populace in celebrating the “Festival of Francophonie”; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the League of French-speaking Organizations of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts, the Student-Choir of the French-American School of Rhode Island, the Principal of East Providence High School, and the Principal of the Beacon Charter High School of Woonsocket.

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