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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 25TH OF 2017, AS "AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER LEARNING DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Gallo, Metts, Quezada, and Crowley

Date Introduced: May 25, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of the State of Rhode Island stand firmly committed to quality
2 afterschool and summer learning programs and opportunities because they:

3 • Provide safe, challenging and engaging learning experiences that help children develop
4 social, emotional, physical and academic skills;

5 • Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the
6 regular school day and year ends;

7 • Build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult
8 volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth,
9 families, and adults; and

10 • Engage families, schools, and community partners in advancing the welfare of our
11 children; and

12 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island has provided significant leadership in the area of
13 community involvement in education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that
14 quality afterschool and summer learning programs are key to helping our children become
15 successful adults; and

16 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island is investing in the health and safety of all young
17 people by providing expanded learning opportunities that will help close the achievement gap and
18 prepare young people to compete in the global economy; and

19 WHEREAS, Many afterschool and summer learning programs across the country are

1 facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors; and

2 WHEREAS, Organizations across the state work with local and state officials to make
3 sure all Rhode Island children have access to quality afterschool and summer learning programs;
4 now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby recognizes the importance of investing in quality afterschool and summer learning
7 programs; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby proclaims May 25th of 2017, as "Afterschool and
9 Summer Learning Day" in the State of Rhode Island; 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 Ms. Elana Rosenberg, Senior Project Manager
12 of Expanded Learning at United Way of Rhode Island and Network Lead of the Statewide
13 Afterschool Network and the Afterschool Leadership Circle.

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