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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 210TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLOMBIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY  
ON JULY 20TH OF 2020

Introduced By: Representatives Alzate, Giraldo, Shekarchi, Johnston, and Filippi

Date Introduced: July 16, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In 1499, the Spanish arrived in what is now Colombia and founded the first  
2 permanent settlement in 1510, as part of Spain's colonial empire in the Americas; and

3 WHEREAS, In the 1800s, as Napoleon began invading many European countries,  
4 including Spain, patriots in Colombia and all over South America rose in rebellion against their  
5 Spanish rulers; and

6 WHEREAS, Cartagena, first declared its independence from Spain before the actual  
7 country itself did so. Eventually, when Bogotá rebelled on July 20th, 1810, the Vice Royalty of  
8 New Granada was forced to grant a temporary independence from Spain, which became the first  
9 step in the process of Colombia earning permanent independence, and culminated with the Battle  
10 of Boyacá in 1819, where Simón Bolívar triumphantly liberated New Granada, which is now  
11 Colombia, and secured the eventual independence of northern South America; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, Independence Day in Colombia is celebrated with parades and  
13 marches throughout the country, much like the 4th of July is celebrated in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Colombia's Independence Day falls only a couple weeks after America's  
15 Independence Day celebration, which is relevant and fitting because the two nations have so  
16 much in common; and

17 WHEREAS, Both the United States and Colombia gained their independence through  
18 patriots rallying against a distant monarchy, and the first President of each new country was the  
19 General who had united the people during its liberation; and

1           WHEREAS, Both countries were also built on the premise that liberty is an unalienable  
2 right and both have a deep commitment to a more peaceful world; now, therefore be it

3           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
4 joins our Colombian American friends and neighbors in commemorating and celebrating  
5 Colombia's 210 years of Independence on July 20th of 2020; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Colombian American Cultural Society  
8 (CACCS) and Colombia en Rhode Island.

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