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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING "HEALTH CARE WORKERS APPRECIATION DAY" ON MARCH 1,  
2021, IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Cardillo, Corvese, Noret, Tanzi, Perez, McEntee,  
Caldwell, Williams, Kazarian, and Morales

Date Introduced: February 25, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, On March 1, 2020, the first presumptive positive case of COVID-19 in  
2 Rhode Island was confirmed after a February 26 test had been done on a person returning from a  
3 school trip abroad; and

4 WHEREAS, Since that day, managing the public health emergency that quickly became a  
5 worldwide pandemic has largely fallen into the very dedicated and capable hands of our State's  
6 health care heroes; and

7 WHEREAS, Demonstrating remarkable resilience and professional dedication, and  
8 despite the very real potential of becoming infected, or infecting others, Rhode Island's health  
9 care personnel have and continue to be on the front lines of our State's fight against the deadly  
10 COVID-19 pandemic, which to date has affected more than 123,000 Rhode Islanders and caused  
11 more than 2,375 fatalities in our state; and

12 WHEREAS, For months over the course of 2020 and early in 2021, overstretched health  
13 care systems left health workers struggling with long hours, fatigue, and extreme psychological  
14 stress; and

15 WHEREAS, Pushing through their exhaustion and fear, our health care workers have  
16 radiated continuous compassion in treating COVID patients with dignity and kindness when  
17 family and loved ones could not be there; and

18 WHEREAS, For all they have done and all they continue to do, Rhode Island's health  
19 care heroes are eminently worthy of our gratitude and recognition; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
2 commemorates "Health Care Workers Appreciation Day" on March 1, 2021. We moreover  
3 sincerely thank all our health care heroes for their dedication and compassion and join them in  
4 looking forward to brighter days ahead; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Scott Fraser, President/CEO of the Rhode  
7 Island Health Care Association, Newell E. Warde, PhD, Executive Director of the Rhode Island  
8 Medical Society, and Sarah Lawrence, Director of the Community Health Worker Association of  
9 Rhode Island.

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