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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ISABELLE MIRZAEI ON BEING NAMED THE 2021 HASBRO
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPION CHILD

Introduced By: Representatives Marszalkowski, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Shallcross
Smith, Fellela, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 07, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Isabelle Mirzaei, fondly known as "Izzy", is the 13-year-old daughter of
2 Daisy and Sam Mirzaei and the sister of Lillian and Arya. She resides with her family in the
3 Town of Cumberland and is a 7th-grader at Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy; and

4 WHEREAS, Izzy was born with a life-threatening blood disorder called beta thalassemia
5 major which has resulted in her spending much of her young life at Hasbro Children's Hospital
6 and enduring multiple difficult and painful procedures; and

7 WHEREAS, Beta thalassemia major prevents red blood cells from carrying sufficient
8 oxygen to support normal body function. At the age of one month, Izzy began a series of frequent
9 trips to the hematology/oncology center at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, returning
10 almost monthly over the next ten years for life-sustaining blood transfusions which eventually
11 required the implant of a central line; and

12 WHEREAS, Working with a transplant team from Boston, Izzy's parents learned that the
13 procedure needed to help her was a bone marrow transplant, but because of her hereditary as
14 someone who is half-Iranian and half-Chinese, a match would be near impossible as minority
15 groups are incredibly underrepresented in the bone marrow registry; and

16 WHEREAS, Miraculously, in 2018, Izzy underwent a successful bone marrow transplant
17 at Boston Children's Hospital with the matching marrow provided by her younger sister Lillian
18 who was a perfect match. The procedure was a success and she is now considered 100 percent
19 cured and liberated to be a carefree teenager and proud big sister; and

1 WHEREAS, Izzy's miraculous journey and her unfailing optimism have made her
2 eminently qualified to offer others, facing similar situations, with the sage advice to not allow
3 whatever illness they face to define them or limit their dreams and that “Hasbro will help you.
4 Don’t be afraid to go there” and “It’s a really great place”; and

5 WHEREAS, The exceptional team at Hasbro Children’s Hospital included Dr. Anjulika
6 Chawla, nurse Jodi Lochotzki, social worker Cheryl Faucher, and Child Life Specialist Kelsey
7 Mullen who truly became Izzy's second family; and

8 WHEREAS, Her strength and optimistic spirit made Izzy the perfect choice to be named
9 the 2021 Hasbro Children’s Hospital Champion Child and someone worthy of emulation and
10 recognition; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 congratulates Isabelle Mirzaei on being named the 2021 Hasbro Children’s Hospital Champion
13 Child. We moreover wish her much happiness and good health; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Isabelle Mirzaei.

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