WHEREAS, Senior Centers are community gathering places that provide some of the
most widely used programs and essential services to enrich and assist the lives of Rhode Islanders
over the age of fifty; and

WHEREAS, Some of the invaluable services provided by Rhode Island Senior Centers
include: meal and nutrition programs, health & wellness programs, information on community
resources, eligibility screening for local, State & Federal assistance programs, assistance
identifying employment or volunteer opportunities, and limited transportation; and

WHEREAS, For more than a year, the world has been grappling with the devastating
physical, financial, and emotional toll of the COVID-19 pandemic, and one of the hardest
affected age groups has been our seniors; and

WHEREAS, Many of Rhode Island's Senior Centers have provided crucial information,
testing, and clinics for COVID vaccinations as well as continuing services to individuals in our
State's most hard-hit areas, such as the Lillian Feinstein Senior Center in Providence that provides
social services and food assistance to around 40 seniors who are living alone or have had very
limited opportunities for social interaction particularly during the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's Senior Centers have been life-saving resources for many of
our State's most vulnerable and they are truly deserving of our recognition and gratitude; now,
therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
thanks and recognizes the dedicated leadership and staff of Rhode Island's Senior Centers for
their tireless and selfless devotion to our State's seniors particularly during the pandemic; and be
it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging, and
Jasmine Roca, Program Manager of the Lillian Feinstein Senior Center.

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