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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2002**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**HONORING THE WOMEN'S NEWPORT LEAGUE, INC. FOR OVER 100 YEARS OF  
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Introduced By: Representatives Long, and Callahan

Date Introduced: May 08, 2002

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Organized in 1895, the Women's Newport League, Inc. was established by  
2 Mrs. Mary H. Dickerson, the first black woman to have a store in the Travers block on Bellevue  
3 Avenue in Newport; and

4           WHEREAS, In June of 1896, Mrs. Dickerson, assisted by Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre-  
5 Ruffin, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter-Brooks and others, organized the New England Federation of  
6 Colored Women's Clubs that was later changed to the Northeast Federation of Women's Clubs;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Mrs. Dickerson went on to become the first President of the Rhode Island  
9 Association of Colored Women's Clubs; and

10           WHEREAS, With 21 members who meet on a monthly basis, the Women's Newport  
11 League continues to foster the volunteer and charitable community service to families, children  
12 and seniors that Mrs. Dickerson began over one hundred years ago; now, therefore be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
14 Providence Plantations hereby honors and congratulates the Women's Newport League, Inc. for  
15 over 100 years of dedication and service to the Newport community; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to  
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Association of Colored  
3 Women's Clubs and the Women's Newport League, Inc.

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