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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

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

**CONGRATULATING THE FEDERAL HILL HOUSE ASSOCIATION ON THE 125TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING**

Introduced By: Representatives Tomasso, E Coderre, Serpa, Williams, and O`Grady

Date Introduced: June 06, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, In 1887, Alida Sprague Whitmarsh and Harriet C. Richards founded the Mt.  
2 Pleasant Working Girls Club & Library; and

3           WHEREAS, Over the next few decades, the organization relocated, renamed, and  
4 expanded its services, eventually acquiring a small tenement on Atwells Avenue and adopting the  
5 name of the Federal Hill House Association (FHHA); and

6           WHEREAS, In 1916, the FHHA moved into new headquarters on Atwells Avenue and  
7 embraced a “settlement house” philosophy. The Settlement House Movement had begun in  
8 Britain in 1884, and was dedicated to providing the less fortunate with social and educational  
9 services. The FHHA broadened its programs in the community by offering these types of services  
10 in the neighborhood, which was primarily comprised of Italian immigrants; and

11           WHEREAS, After a fire in the early 70s, the FHHA relocated to St. Raphael’s Church on  
12 Bell Street until the completion of its present home on Courtland Street; and

13           WHEREAS, Today’s Federal Hill House Association is a multi-purpose human services  
14 agency that helps more than 5,000 individuals a year. Since its inception, the FHHA has been  
15 supporting Rhode Islanders, both young and old, with early childhood and after school programs  
16 that are nothing short of revolutionary, and with workforce development, social, and emergency  
17 services that have proven to be essential and life changing for so many during these economic  
18 times; and

1           WHEREAS, A gala Awards Dinner will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the  
2 organization's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to honor those members of the community who, together  
3 with the Federal Hill House Association, have gone above and beyond in their efforts and  
4 dedication to making Rhode Island a better place to live and raise our families; now, therefore be  
5 it

6           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
7 Providence Plantations hereby honors and congratulates members and staff of the Federal Hill  
8 House Association on the occasion of the organization's 125th Anniversary. We applaud their  
9 accomplishments and wish them many more years of serving and enriching the community; and  
10 be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Nina Pande, Executive Director of the Federal  
13 Hill House Association.

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