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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$75,000 TO BEST BUDDIES RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Hanna M. Gallo

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: Senate Finance

1 WHEREAS, Best Buddies is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, founded in 1989 by
2 Anthony K. Shriver. It was the country's first national, unified, social and recreational program
3 for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD); and

4 WHEREAS, The mission of Best Buddies is to "establish a global volunteer movement
5 that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership
6 development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities"; and

7 WHEREAS, Currently, Best Buddies has programs in all 50 states, and in 50 countries
8 around the world located on six continents; and

9 WHEREAS, Eighty-nine percent of all revenue collected goes directly to Best Buddies
10 programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, while only 11 percent is
11 spent on administration and fundraising; and

12 WHEREAS, Presently, Best Buddies Rhode Island, our local chapter, supports friendship
13 programs in 15 public and private schools across the state; and

14 WHEREAS, Continued funding for Best Buddies Rhode Island will allow the
15 organization to continue to grow and supply programs that make a real difference for all who
16 participate; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
18 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2012-2013, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars
19 (\$75,000) for Best Buddies Rhode Island; and the state controller is hereby authorized and
20 directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much

1 thereof as may be from time required, upon receipt by him of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$75,000 for Best Buddies
- 2 Rhode Island.

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