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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Perry, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: March 08, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island General Assembly voted a Charter for the Rhode Island
2 Medical Society on February 25, 1812; and

3 WHEREAS, The rationale for the original Charter, namely that “the medical art is
4 important to the health and happiness of society” and that “medical societies have been found
5 conducive to this end,” has proven abundantly valid for two hundred years; and

6 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Medical Society is by far the oldest and therefore most
7 venerable professional association in Rhode Island; and

8 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Medical Society is the eighth oldest state medical society
9 in the nation; and

10 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Medical Society has repeatedly distinguished itself as a
11 leader, educator, and purveyor of useful information for the public and the medical profession in
12 this state; and

13 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Medical Society led the nation in welcoming women and
14 racial minorities as colleagues in medical society membership and in overcoming racial
15 discrimination within national medical societies; and

16 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Medical Society has been a pioneer in analyzing vital
17 statistics, advancing sanitation, improving public health and safety, conducting ambitious
18 vaccination campaigns, and promoting enlightened public policy in the field of health; and

19 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Medical Society has itself been a founder of important
20 organizations, including the U.S. Pharmacopeia, the American Medical Association, Rhode

1 Island Hospital, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, and Rhode Island Quality Partners
2 (renamed Health Centric Advisors in 2011), among others; and

3 WHEREAS, In times of war and other national and local emergencies, the Rhode Island
4 Medical Society and its members have rendered extraordinary service to Rhode Island and the
5 nation; and

6 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Medical Society today and in the future has an
7 indispensable role to play in helping Rhode Island meet the daunting and complex challenges of
8 ensuring access for all Rhode Islanders to the highest quality care at sustainable costs; now,
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby salutes and congratulates the Rhode Island Medical Society upon its Bicentennial, and
12 hereby bears witness to the gratitude of all Rhode Islanders as the Society enters its third century
13 of faithful adherence to its sacred mission of health and healing; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Medical Society.

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