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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING RUBY COX ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER ONE HUNDRED  
AND NINTH BIRTHDAY

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Gallison, Winfield, Marshall, and Keable

Date Introduced: January 30, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It was on January 31, 1904, in Arkansas that Rubye Cox was born. That  
2 year, Theodore Roosevelt was re-elected as President of the United States, Theodor Geisel, better  
3 known to the world as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of such beloved children's books as  
4 "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham," was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, the  
5 first underground New York City Subway line opened, and the construction of the Rhode Island  
6 State House was completed; and

7           WHEREAS, As a young girl, Rubye embarked on a journey to Muskogee, Oklahoma, in  
8 a covered wagon. She worked in a library to put herself through college, ultimately earning a  
9 teaching degree, taught in a one-room school house for a year, then taught high school English  
10 and French before she married and raised two children in Muskogee; and

11           WHEREAS, In addition to creating a warm and loving home for her family, Rubye and  
12 her husband operated a small grocery store from 1931 until their retirement in 1967. The couple  
13 would extend credit to customers during the Depression, even through the dire days of the "Dust  
14 Bowl"; and

15           WHEREAS, In 2002, Mrs. Cox moved to Bristol, Rhode Island, to live with her  
16 daughter, Betty Gilbert, and now resides at Silver Creek Nursing Home in Bristol; and

17           WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox was an avid flower gardener, as well as a member of a lady's  
18 missionary group, and is gifted in hospitality. Over the years, she constantly welcomed and fed  
19 anyone who came through the church-missionaries, including students and traveling pastors; and

1           WHEREAS, A great woman of faith, Rubye was a Sunday School teacher and  
2 superintendent for 40 years. She has also read the entire Bible through many, many times; and

3           WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox is a true patriotic American who has always been very vocal about  
4 voting and always encouraged young people to exercise their voting rights; and

5           WHEREAS, Mrs. Cox has two living sisters, Ruth, aged 103, and Rose, aged 100, and  
6 she attributes her longevity to "faith, prayer, and no carousing"; and

7           WHEREAS, Rubye is a gentle and a widely beloved woman who, for the last one  
8 hundred and nine years, has impacted the lives of many people with her generosity, joyous spirit,  
9 and kindness. All who have been lucky enough to be a part of her extraordinary life are happy to  
10 call her their dearest friend; now, therefore be it

11           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
12 Providence Plantations hereby joyously extends its best wishes to Rubye Cox for a happy 109<sup>th</sup>  
13 birthday. We would also like to wish her and her family, who feels she is their greatest asset, the  
14 very best health and happiness, and hope all of Rubye's family can look forward to celebrating  
15 many more birthdays with her in the years to come; and be it further

16           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Rubye Cox.

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