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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2013, TO BE "ESOPHAGEAL CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representative Patricia A. Serpa

Date Introduced: April 24, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The purpose of recognizing the month of April as Esophageal Cancer
2 Awareness Month is to raise awareness, promote education, and encourage research of
3 esophageal cancer in the hope of discovering a cure; and

4 WHEREAS, Esophageal adenocarcinoma is the fastest growing cancer in the western
5 world, where it has increased more than 400 percent in the past 20 years; and

6 WHEREAS, There are no known underlying causes for esophageal cancer, just risk
7 factors; and

8 WHEREAS, Many people die of esophageal cancer within the first year of noticing
9 symptoms; and

10 WHEREAS, Patients whose esophageal cancer has spread only receive treatment towards
11 relieving symptoms, not towards curing the cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, Survivors of esophageal cancer often suffer a lower quality of life after
13 surgery; and

14 WHEREAS, Almost all cases of esophageal cancer are fatal, making it one of the
15 deadliest of all cancers; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby joins the Salgi Esophageal Cancer Research Foundation in
18 recognizing the Month of April as Esophageal Cancer Awareness Month in the state; and be it
19 further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Linda M. Molfesi, President of the Salgi
3 Esophageal Cancer Research Foundation.

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