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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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

**PROCLAIMING MAY 14, 2014, AS "CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL DAY" IN THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Edwards, E Coderre, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: May 14, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Education is the gateway to a brighter future for our children and nation.  
2   During National Charter Schools Week, we celebrate charter schools' commitment to academic  
3   achievement, accountability, and innovation. We recognize the vital role charter schools play in  
4   fostering an America where children have the knowledge and skills they need to grow, succeed,  
5   and achieve their dreams; and

6           WHEREAS, As a publically-funded alternative to traditional public schools, charter  
7   schools have expanded our understanding of public education by embracing the spirit of  
8   discovery and providing innovative avenues for success; and

9           WHEREAS, Since the 1995 passage of Rhode Island's charter public schools' enabling  
10   legislation, three district charter schools, fourteen independent charter schools, and two mayoral  
11   academies have been established serving over 4,000 students from across the state; and

12           WHEREAS, Charter public schools are independent public schools of choice that are free  
13   to be innovative and are accountable for student achievement; and

14           WHEREAS, Today, Rhode Island charter public schools primarily serve urban areas and  
15   face the challenges of poverty at a higher than average rate. Yet, these schools continue to be  
16   among the strongest in the state; and

17           WHEREAS, Charter public schools provide an alternative public education to students  
18   who desire a different learning environment than that provided by traditional public schools.  
19   Charter public schools provide Rhode Island parents and students their only public school

1 choice option; and

2 WHEREAS, Charter public schools are designed to deliver programs tailored to  
3 educational excellence and community need; and

4 WHEREAS, Because they are public schools of choice, charter schools are open to the  
5 public, funded by the public, and accountable to the public; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
7 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 14, 2014, as "Charter Public School Day" in the  
8 State of Rhode Island and recognizes the achievement of our nineteen charter public schools; and  
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Principals/Directors of Rhode Island's  
12 charter public schools.

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