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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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SENATE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Lynch, and Doyle

Date Introduced: March 19, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, St. Patrick, the apostle to Ireland, demonstrated the courage of his spiritual  
2 convictions by returning to the scene of his former enslavement and single-handedly assaulting  
3 the stronghold of Druidism; and

4           WHEREAS, Wielding the devotion of his faith like a great sword of righteousness, and  
5 using the strength of his intellect and the power of his passions, Saint Patrick assimilated the  
6 ancient pagan Irish myths into a Christian message, and in so doing, converted all of Ireland to  
7 Christianity during his lifetime; and

8           WHEREAS, On March 17<sup>th</sup>, during the annual celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick,  
9 which began more than fifteen centuries after his death, Irish-Americans join with men, women,  
10 and children of all other ethnic origins who, for one day, become Irish and celebrate Patrick and  
11 his love of Ireland; and

12           WHEREAS, On Saint Patrick's Day, all who wear the green live for a day in the spirit of  
13 Saints Patrick, Bridget, and Columcille, and in the mythical wonders of Cuchullain, Finn, Osian,  
14 and Deirdre of the Sorrows; and

15           WHEREAS, Irish immigrants to Rhode Island helped form the cultural foundation of our  
16 state, and Rhode Islanders of Irish lineage today proudly sing of their roots in Ballinamore and  
17 Ballinasloe, in Ennistymon and Enniscorthy, in Cahirciveen and Castlebarr, and in Skibbereen  
18 and Skerries; and

19           WHEREAS, The songs of Ireland are the tragic songs of love and the joyous songs of  
20 battle; the nostalgic reveries of the sorrows and the glories that are the Emerald Isle; and the

1 lamentations of life's myriad travails and the odes to joy and the life eternal; now, therefore be it  
2           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 hereby commemorates the celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland.

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