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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

**COMMENDING JAN SLEE, RHODYLIGHTS, AND THE MYRIAD VOLUNTEERS AND
CONTRIBUTORS FOR THEIR BOUNDLESS EFFORTS TO PRESERVE RHODE ISLAND'S
LIGHTHOUSES**

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Ruggiero, and Handy

Date Introduced: May 20, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Lighthouses offer comfort and the promise of safety. They are the beacons
2 in a dark night that guide us home, and at one time in our state's history, there were as many as 30
3 of these extraordinary structures posted along the state's expansive coastline, tucked into inlets,
4 and rising skyward on promontories and islands; and

5 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's lighthouses are "distinguished by their iconic architecture,"
6 some built from granite quarried locally, others are wood-frame lighthouses with mansard roofs,
7 and some are spark plug caisson lighthouses. The oldest, the Beavertail Lighthouse, was built in
8 1749, and the youngest is the Plum Beach Lighthouse, erected in 1897; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the decades, Rhode Island has sadly lost nine of these beautiful
10 lighthouses through acts of nature and economic difficulties; and

11 WHEREAS, In November of 2014, Jan Slee founded RhodyLights – The Rhode Island
12 Lighthouse Association, in order to educate, organize, and help the state and various non-profit
13 organization's in their efforts to protect and preserve Rhode Island's lighthouses; and

14 WHEREAS, Efforts have included building a scale model lighthouse that toured the state
15 including being exhibited at the Newport Visitor Center and the Rhody Preservation Awards. In
16 addition, Mr. Slee created a Monopoly-type board game called RhodyLightopoly, the sales from
17 which will be used to "generate seed money to start fundraising for lighthouse restoration"; now,
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

1 Providence Plantations hereby commends Jan Slee, founder of Rhodylights, and the many friends
2 of our Ocean State's Lighthouses for their tireless efforts to preserve these historic Rhode Island
3 treasures; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Jan Slee.

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