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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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

**HONORING AND CONGRATULATING "SAIL TO PREVAIL" FOR ITS THIRTY-FIVE  
YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO PHYSICALLY AND  
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SAILORS IN RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Carson, Ruggiero, Naughton, and DeSimone

Date Introduced: June 09, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Sail To Prevail, originally founded in 1982 as "Shake-A-Leg-Newport", is a  
2 nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to introducing disabled children and adults to the  
3 wonders of the ocean and the beautiful Rhode Island coastline while at the same time helping  
4 them to acquire the skills to overcome life's daily challenges; and

5           WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1982, Sail To Prevail, has introduced approximately  
6 17,000 people with disabilities, approximately 1,000 disabled people each summer, to the joys  
7 and rigor of sailing in their specially adapted 20-foot sailboats. Sail To Prevail encourages its  
8 disabled participants to be an active part of this sailing program. Participants steer the boat, learn  
9 how to grind winches, pull lines and trim sails. They also get to compete in a lively and very  
10 competitive ten-race Wednesday Night racing series. Equally important, participants improve  
11 their self-confidence and their leadership skills, and discover just how exhilarating the  
12 camaraderie of teamwork can be while sailing on the ocean; and

13           WHEREAS, Sail To Prevail offers a myriad of unique programs designed to introduce  
14 the joy of sailing to populations that might not ordinarily have access to sailing opportunities. Sail  
15 To Prevail serves the physically disabled, the developmentally disabled, people diagnosed with  
16 Autism, individuals undergoing physical therapy, runs A Sail Away From Cancer program for  
17 those battling cancer, serves disabled veterans and conducts Paralympic Training and Regattas.  
18 The U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, has designated Sail To Prevail  
19 with the title of being a Paralympic Sport Club; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby thanks and congratulates the Sail To Prevail organization and  
3 designates it as "Rhode Island's Disabled Sailing Center"; 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. Paul Callahan, Chief Executive Officer,  
6 Sail To Prevail.

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