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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

**JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WASHINGTON
COUNTY FAIR**

Introduced By: Representatives Price, Giarrusso, Roberts, Filippi, and Costa

Date Introduced: June 14, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Washington County Fair, owned and operated by the Washington
2 County Pomona Grange, will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2016 from August 17th to the
3 21st. The Fair is Rhode Island's largest agricultural event and includes daily concerts, many with a
4 country music flavor, along with a giant midway area, a kiddy land area, rides, games, and an
5 abundance of agricultural events including tractor and horse pulls, exhibits and displays, and a
6 farm museum; and

7 WHEREAS, The Washington County Fair, had its beginnings in 1967, when it was held
8 on the grounds of the Perryville Grange in Wakefield. The fair was held in Wakefield for two
9 more years before it moved to its current home in Richmond, when a large tract of land was
10 purchased to serve as the home of the Washington County Fair and as a recreational area for other
11 organizations to use. Soon after the purchase was made, many Grange volunteers got to work
12 making the land suitable for holding community events. Additionally, over the years these
13 volunteers made numerous improvements and added many amenities to the fairgrounds, including
14 the addition of a new sheep and goat barn, a museum holding a vast array of agricultural
15 equipment and artifacts from the past, and a third ring for pulling events; and

16 WHEREAS, The Washington County Pomona Grange is a dedicated group of volunteers
17 who donate much of their time in service to the community. In addition to running the
18 Washington County Fair, they knit hats for newborns at hospitals, donate new dictionaries to
19 elementary schools, give food to local food banks, provide financial scholarships to high school

1 students, and support the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs, FFA, and other agricultural
2 organizations; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
4 Providence Plantations hereby joyously celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Washington
5 County Fair; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Clyde S. Fish, II, Chairman, The
8 Washington County Fair.

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