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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

JOYFULLY CELEBRATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BURRILLVILLE LIONS CLUB IN 2017

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, Newberry, Shekarchi, Morgan, and Corvese

Date Introduced: March 28, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Lions Club International is a service organization that is comprised of 2 more than 46,000 clubs and has more than 1.4 million members representing more than 200 3 countries; and WHEREAS, The Lions Clubs were created for the purposes of harnessing, in an 4 organized and efficient manner, the creative talents and intelligence of those in the local 5 6 community with a desire to serve others. The principles of good citizenship and good fellowship 7 were prioritized along with engaging in charitable service projects and endeavors with the hope of making the world and neighborhoods better places to love; and 8 9 WHEREAS, The Burrillville Lions Club was chartered on March 26, 1947, and since 10 then, they have made a positive impact on all walks of life in the Burrillville and wider community. Thanks to the Burrillville Lions Club, many Burrillville students receive scholarships 11 12 to go to college. They also run a "Learn to Swim" program for local youth, and on Earth Day, 150 13 Burrillville Lions Club volunteers conduct a town-wide celebration and organize numerous cleanup projects. In addition, the Burrillville Lions Club annually helps numerous local citizens who 14 15 request assistance from them; and 16 WHEREAS, The Burrillville Lions Club is very involved in sight conservation issues. 17 They raise money to help people attain much-needed eye exams, and they coordinate the

collection of eyeglasses for reuse by those unable to afford necessary prescription lenses; and

WHEREAS, The Burrillville Lions Club is also very active in raising money and

- 1 supporting children who suffer from various illnesses. They actively support the Ronald
- 2 McDonald House of Providence and run numerous "White Cane Day" fundraisers in which they
- 3 raise money to assist cancer-stricken children and their families. Thanks to the hard work and
- 4 tireless devotion of Club President Thomas P. Tatro, today the Lions Club continues to be a force
- 5 for good in Burrillville and the wider community; now, therefore be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
- 7 Providence Plantations hereby joyfully celebrates the 70th Anniversary of the Burrillville Lions
- 8 Club in 2017; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Thomas P. Tatro, President of the
- 11 Burrillville Lions Club.

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