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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO YEAR UP PROVIDENCE

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Cano, Goldin, Mack, Bell, Acosta, and Mendes

Date Introduced: February 18, 2021

Referred To: Senate Finance

1           WHEREAS, Millions of young adults in the United States have talent and motivation but  
2 lack opportunity. At the same time, many companies have opportunities but lack the talent they  
3 need for more successful businesses. As a result five million jobs requiring postsecondary  
4 education went unfilled in 2020 and millions of young adults found stable career pathways  
5 unattainable; and

6           WHEREAS, Year Up Providence seeks to close the opportunity divide by providing  
7 urban young adults with the skills, experience, and support that will empower them to reach their  
8 potential through professional careers and higher education. Year Up Providence achieves this  
9 mission through a high support, high expectation model that combines marketable job skills,  
10 stipends, internships and college credits. Year Up Providence's holistic approach focuses on  
11 students' professional and personal development in order to place urban young adults on a viable  
12 path to economic self-sufficiency; and

13           WHEREAS, Year Up Providence alone cannot create opportunity for the many  
14 disconnected urban young adults without the financial contributions that support their program;  
15 now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
17 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2021-2022, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars  
18 (\$100,000) to Year Up Providence to implement its program to provide low-income urban young  
19 adults with a combination of hands-on skills development, coursework eligible for college credit,  
20 and corporate internships; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his

- 1 orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from
- 2 time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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