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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING APRIL 11-18, 2022, AS "MANUFACTURING WEEK" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives P Morgan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Hull, J Lombardi, Handy, Abney, Ajello, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: April 12, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In 1793, Samuel Slater started the country's first water-powered cotton-
2 spinning mill along the Blackstone River, firmly establishing Rhode Island as a national leader in
3 manufacturing; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, Rhode Island still remains a manufacturing powerhouse, with 1,758
5 industrial companies employing 65,570 workers, and generating a diverse panoply of products
6 including auto parts, jewelry, food and beverage ingredients, and pharmaceuticals; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition, Rhode Island's manufacturing, while historically textile based,
8 now includes major defense contractors such as Raytheon and Electric Boat, the toy and game
9 producer, Hasbro, to numerous biotech companies; and

10 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's manufacturing industry is a mix of both large and small
11 companies that produce jewelry which is particularly significant, as well as silverware, electrical
12 equipment, textiles, transportation equipment, and fabricated materials; and

13 WHEREAS, Over 70 percent of Rhode Island's exports are manufactured products; and

14 WHEREAS, Providence is Rhode Island's largest city based on number of industrial
15 jobs, followed closely by North Kingstown, Pawtucket, Cranston, and Warwick; and

16 WHEREAS, In support of this vital economic sector, Rhode Island has initiated programs
17 to prepare students and build a pipeline of skilled workers ready to join the workforce through
18 Career & Technical Education programs, which operate at more than 50 high schools, charter
19 schools, postsecondary institutions and adult skills training facilities; and

1 WHEREAS, The manufacturing industry is a vital component in the economic health of
2 Rhode Island and in creating and supporting well-paying, family-sustaining jobs for its citizens;
3 now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
5 celebrates April 11-18, 2022, as "Manufacturing Week" in the State; 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 Dave Chenevert, Executive Director of Rhode
8 Island Manufacturers Association.

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