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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING THE MARCH OF DIMES, THE NATIONAL
AMBASSADORS AND STATE AMBASSADOR FAMILIES, AND ALL THE DEDICATED
VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE HELPED TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF MOMS AND
BABIES IN OUR STATE AND ACROSS THIS NATION

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, E Coderre, Almeida, Shekarchi, and Diaz

Date Introduced: March 19, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The March of Dimes was originally founded in 1938 by President Franklin
2 D. Roosevelt to fight polio, a growing public health concern at the time. The foundation funded
3 the development of two vaccines – still in use today – that virtually eliminated the crippling
4 disease; and

5 WHEREAS, With its original mission accomplished, the March of Dimes sought out a
6 new mission. Today, the organization works to improve the health of women of childbearing age,
7 infants, and children by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality; and

8 WHEREAS, More than four million babies were born in the United States last year, and
9 the March of Dimes helped all of them through research, education, vaccines, and breakthroughs;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The March of Dimes was also there for more than half a million babies born
12 too soon, over 1,300 of them right here in Rhode Island; and

13 WHEREAS, The March of Dimes and its volunteers continue to advocate for state health
14 policies and programs that affect women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families; now,
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby warmly welcomes the 2014 March of Dimes National
18 Ambassadors Jill Teeters, David Lamothe, and Aidan Lamothe, and the 2014 Rhode Island

1 Ambassador families, the Mirandas and Lubolds; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That this House hereby recognizes and thanks the March of Dimes, the
3 National Ambassadors and State Ambassador families, and the organization's dedicated
4 volunteers and supporters whose continued efforts have helped to improve the health of moms
5 and babies thereby ensuring that stronger, healthier babies are born in Rhode Island. We
6 furthermore sincerely wish them continued health and success; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the March of Dimes Rhode Island Chapter.

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