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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

WELCOMING MARÍA LÓPEZ DE LEÓN TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Williams, Almeida, DeSimone, and Abney

Date Introduced: May 01, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, María López De León, Executive Director and Board Member of the
2 National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures (NALAC), has spent the past two decades
3 diligently working with communities across the United States in a grass roots effort to promote,
4 develop, and inspire multiple arts and culture programs and initiatives; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. De León has served as the Executive Director of NALAC for the past
6 ten years and has worked with the organization for the past fourteen years. During her tenure as
7 Executive Director, she has added greatly to the vibrancy of NALAC's programs and strategic
8 initiatives including the development of three grant programs, directed the continued
9 development of twelve editions of the renowned annual Leadership Institute, directed the
10 convening of five national arts and cultural conferences and dozens of regional arts training
11 workshops, oversaw the completion of production on Visiones, a six part documentary series on
12 Latino art and culture, and is leading the efforts to renovate a historic site in San Antonio that will
13 serve as NALAC's national offices and the home to a national arts leadership training institute;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, In addition, Ms. De León has served on a plethora of arts and culture policy
16 panels, is a fellow of the Rockwood Leadership Institute and the Wallace Foundation
17 Leadership in Excellence and Arts Participation program, serves on the board of the
18 First People's Fund, and is an advisory council member of San Anto Cultural Arts; and

19 WHEREAS, Earning the highest respect of her colleagues, Ms. De León was appointed
20 to serve on the Council of the Arts by President Barack Obama in January of 2013; and

1 WHEREAS, María López De León is eminently deserving of the leadership and trust she
2 has been afforded and she has fully distinguished herself as a person worthy of our recognition
3 and utmost admiration; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby warmly welcomes María López De León, Executive Director and
6 Board Member of the National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures, to the State of Rhode
7 Island. We honor and thank her for her myriad contributions to the betterment of our country and
8 wish her continued success, achievement, and much happiness; 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 María López De León.

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