

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION
AND DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK • RHODE ISLAND'S DONATED DENTAL
SERVICES (DDS) PROGRAM, FOR DONATING \$5 MILLION IN DENTAL TREATMENT
TO PEOPLE IN RHODE ISLAND WITH DISABILITIES OR WHO ARE ELDERLY OR
MEDICALLY FRAGILE**

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, Picard, Crowley, Sosnowski, and Miller

Date Introduced: March 05, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Twenty-five years ago, in 1989, Dental Lifeline Network • Rhode Island
2 and the Rhode Island Dental Association established the Donated Dental Services (DDS)
3 Program; and

4 WHEREAS, Through the DDS Program, dentists and dental laboratories donate
5 comprehensive treatment for people with disabilities or persons who are elderly or medically
6 fragile and cannot afford dental care; and

7 WHEREAS, Almost 170 dentists and 70 dental labs volunteer for the DDS
8 Program. Since the Program's inception, they have treated almost 2,800 people with disabilities
9 or who are elderly or medically fragile with seriously neglected dental problems throughout
10 Rhode Island; and

11 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program will reach a
12 milestone of \$5 million in donated dental services through the generosity and benevolence of
13 dentists and laboratories throughout the State of Rhode Island; and

14 WHEREAS, The strength and success of the State of Rhode Island, the vitality of our
15 communities, and the effectiveness of society depend, in great measure, upon concerned and
16 devoted programs as exemplified by the Rhode Island Donated Dental Services (DDS) Program;
17 now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby congratulates and expresses profound gratitude to the Rhode Island Dental Association,
2 Dental Lifeline Network • Rhode Island and the hundreds of DDS volunteer dentists and dental
3 laboratories who have provided \$5 million in donated dental care to almost 2,800 vulnerable
4 people in Rhode Island who would not otherwise receive comprehensive dental treatment; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Dental Lifeline Network • Rhode Island and
8 the Rhode Island Dental Association.

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