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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CROSSROADS RHODE ISLAND ON 125 YEARS OF HELPING  
RHODE ISLANDERS IN NEED

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Metts, Goodwin, Coyne, and Archambault

Date Introduced: June 18, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Crossroads Rhode Island, a nonprofit organization, is the leading provider  
2 of housing and services to the homeless in Rhode Island and is governed by a 40-member  
3 volunteer Board of Directors with representation from the business, finance, health care,  
4 education, media and government sectors; and

5           WHEREAS, In 1894, Crossroads was founded as Travelers Aid of Rhode Island to assist  
6 people who came to Providence in search of work, many of whom were young women. Since  
7 then, Crossroads Rhode Island has evolved to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people in our  
8 state; and

9           WHEREAS, In 2004, in order to reflect the growing needs of the homeless population,  
10 the named changed to Crossroads Rhode Island and moved from downtown Providence into its  
11 current headquarters in the former YMCA building at 160 Broad Street, taking over the  
12 ownership and management of 192 permanent supportive housing units within the building; and

13           WHEREAS, Today, Crossroads is the largest homeless services organization in Rhode  
14 Island, offering 24/7 services including housing, shelter, basic needs, education & employment  
15 services, case management, referrals, and a domestic violence program; and

16           WHEREAS, Currently, Crossroads owns or manages 370 housing units statewide and  
17 provides services to more than 3,500 people each year, including nearly 1,000 women and 750  
18 children; and

19           WHEREAS, Crossroads' main facility, which is located at 160 Broad Street, Providence,

1 houses administrative offices, and its on-site services include intake and assessment; emergency  
2 shelter services; a day program for homeless adults; adult education, job training and employment  
3 programs; case management; basic needs assistance; and permanent supportive housing for  
4 formerly homeless adults; and

5 WHEREAS, Crossroads' off-site locations include Family Services Programs at the  
6 Family Centers in Providence and Warwick, which provide shelter, employment-based interim  
7 and permanent housing programs to families; a domestic violence safe house and transitional  
8 apartments for survivors; Mike Terry Apartments in Providence, which serve chronically  
9 homeless and disabled adults and youth; Kingstown Crossings Apartments in North Kingstown,  
10 which provide supportive housing to formerly homeless families and low-income community  
11 residents; and the Harold Lewis House, located in West Warwick, which provides supportive  
12 housing for homeless elders and veterans. Crossroads also provides several permanent housing  
13 units in Providence and Pawtucket and manages Harrington Hall in Cranston, which is the state's  
14 largest men's shelter; and

15 WHEREAS, Through evidence-based best practices, a housing-first approach and  
16 statewide coordinated entry using the Service Priority Decision Assistance Tool, Crossroads  
17 identifies clients with the greatest needs for assistance and concentrates on helping those with  
18 highest acuity achieve secure stable housing and income; and

19 WHEREAS, Crossroads collaborates with many businesses, social services agencies, and  
20 government entities. Partners include the Providence Community Health Centers, which operate  
21 an on-site health clinic for homeless adults; organizations that provide mental health and  
22 substance abuse programs; supportive housing programs; public safety; corrections; and adult  
23 education and workforce programs; now, therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
25 hereby congratulates Crossroads Rhode Island on 125 years of helping Rhode Islanders in need.  
26 We moreover thank all the Crossroads' Board of Directors, Administrators and staff for their  
27 commitment and dedication; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
29 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Karen A. Santilli, President and CEO of  
30 Crossroads Rhode Island.

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