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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008

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

**RESPECTFULLY URGING THE PAWTUCKET CITY COUNCIL TO RESCIND THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 286 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET**

Introduced By: Representatives O'Neill, San Bento, Kilmartin, Rose, and E Coderre

Date Introduced: June 21, 2008

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, On January 10, 2008 the Pawtucket City Council approved Chapter 2885,
2 an amendment to Chapter 286 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pawtucket; and

3 WHEREAS, The amendment prohibits the use of "sound-amplifying" equipment at
4 outdoor feasts and festivals after 10:00 p.m.; and

5 WHEREAS, While the amendment was aimed at curtailing the festivities of one
6 particular event, occurring only once a year, the scope of the restrictions have citywide
7 implications and could potentially limit or curtail beneficial future activities, resulting in
8 penalizing innocent parties; and

9 WHEREAS, Article I, Section 2 of the Rhode Island Constitution states, "All free
10 governments are instituted for the protection, safety, and happiness of the people. All laws,
11 therefore, should be made for the good of the whole." The good of the whole city cannot be
12 served when laws are created for one event, occurring only once a year, in a small neighborhood
13 of the city; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully urges the members of the Pawtucket City Council to
16 set aside the implementation of the Amendment of Chapter 286 of the Code of Ordinances for the
17 City of Pawtucket until further reconsideration of the facts are deliberated; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the President of the Pawtucket City Council.

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