

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.* 67

*Approved* February 14, 2003

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has increasing numbers of homeless families and children; and

WHEREAS, The number of individuals staying at temporary shelters has increased from 450 per night in 2001 to 600 per night as of January 2003; and

WHEREAS, For the first time in Rhode Island history more than half the current population at shelters are families;

WHEREAS, Forty (40) percent of children in the City of Providence are currently living below the federal poverty threshold; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has the highest percentage of children living in poverty of all the states in New England, and;

WHEREAS, An individual Rhode Islander would have to work 86 hours per week at the current minimum wage to afford a 2-bedroom apartment (using 30% of their income to afford a Fair Market Rent of \$687); and

WHEREAS, U.S. Representative John Conyers, Jr., D-Michigan and U.S. Representative Julia Carson, D-Indiana, are introducing the "Bringing America Home Act" before the United States Congress this month, and

WHEREAS, The comprehensive bill proposes to address the homelessness crisis by sending local governments federal funds to expand public transportation; create job apprenticeships; help our working homeless to buy homes; provide childcare vouchers; offer emergency vouchers for those facing evictions; and to establish one-stop homeless centers; and

WHEREAS, Such funding will help Providence and Rhode Island to assist, in a substantive way, its citizens in need,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City

Council resolves:

Section 1: That the Council endorses the Bringing America Home Act

Section 2: That the Council recommends the passage of the Bringing America Home Act by the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation

Section 3: That, upon approval, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Jack Reed and the Honorable Lincoln Chafee, Rhode Island U.S. Senators; and the Honorable Patrick Kennedy, and the Honorable James Langevin, Rhode Island U.S. House of Representatives.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND PASSED

*Belbin A. Young*  
PRES. PRO TEMPORE

*Michael S. Clement*  
CLERK

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 14, 2003

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MAYOR

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE “BRINGING AMERICA HOME ACT”**

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WHEREAS Rhode Island has increasing numbers of homeless families and children; and

WHEREAS, the need for temporary shelter currently outweighs the capacity; and

WHEREAS, over forty (40%) of children in the City of Providence are currently living below the federal poverty threshold; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island has the highest percentage of children living in poverty of all the states in New England, and;

WHEREAS, the income necessary to afford Fair Market Rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is \$13.21/hour, about twice the minimum wage; and

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