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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING FRANK BEAZLEY ON THE RENAMING OF THE WALLUM
BUILDING AT ZAMBARANO HOSPITAL IN HIS HONOR

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, Petrarca, Carnevale, Silva, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: March 21, 2012

Referred To: House Municipal Government

1 WHEREAS, Frank Beazley was born on December 13, 1928, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He
2 grew up in St Joseph's orphanage and in various foster homes. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian
3 Army Corps at the age of 14 and returned from military service in 1946 to become a baker at
4 Ben's Bread; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Beazley came to Rhode island in 1953 and stayed with his aunt in
6 Warwick for a short period of time. He worked at a bakery in the Providence Armory district and
7 eventually lived in Providence. On January 6, 1967, Frank tripped on his shoelace and fell down
8 three flights of stairs, suffering serious injuries. In 1967, he was admitted to Zambarano Hospital;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Beazley's experiences at Zambarano encouraged him to become a
11 tireless and passionate advocate for the rights and needs of hospital patients. He became the Vice-
12 President of Patients for Progress, an advocacy group at Zambarano Hospital. As an advocate, he
13 has fought against hospital closures, and in particular prevented the closing of South 3, a 44-bed
14 unit. He also advocated for the rights of patients to access the community on a regular basis, to
15 wear street clothes, to have longer hours out of bed, to have cable television in their rooms, and to
16 maintain RIPTA bus service to Zambarano when service cuts were threatened in 2001. He is
17 currently the President of Patients for Progress and travels regularly to the State House to
18 represent the interests of Zambarano Hospital and its patients; and

19 WHEREAS, Frank Beazley is also a distinguished poet. He is the Poet Laureate for Very

1 Special Arts of Rhode Island, and is the first person to ever win the Allen Ginsberg Poetry
2 Contest Award twice. His poem "Challenges and Accomplishments" was selected for exhibition
3 for the United Nations in New York City. His poetry was also displayed at the "Second Heart,
4 One World" Exhibition 2002 Cultural Olympiad in conjunction with the 2002 Salt Lake City
5 Olympics; and

6 WHEREAS, Frank Beazley has received numerous awards and honors in his
7 distinguished career. He received the State Victory award and represented Rhode Island and
8 Zambarano Hospital in Washington, D.C., in 2002. He received the Jeremy Vandal Professional
9 Award in 2003 from Advocates in Action, the 2006 Avery Leadership Award from CPNRI, and
10 was honored by the Rhode Island State Senate in 2003 for his many outstanding contributions to
11 healthcare; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
13 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Frank Beazley on the renaming of the Wallum
14 Building at Zambarano Hospital in his honor. Patients and families for years to come will
15 associate Frank's name with concern for patients' dignity and rights; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of state be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Frank Beazley.

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