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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JOHN DIAS ON BEING CHOSEN AS NEWPORT ELKS LODGE 104,
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, 2012

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, DiPalma, and DaPonte

Date Introduced: March 21, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Newport Elks Lodge 104, Citizen of the Year Award is given to a
2 person who has shown leadership in the community, has contributed voluntary service, and is
3 recognized as being an all-around good citizen; and

4 WHEREAS, John Dias has been chosen as the 2012 recipient of this prestigious award
5 due to a long career of public and volunteer service that is an inspiration to us all; and

6 WHEREAS, John Dias' enthusiasm, spirit, and integrity has had a profound effect on the
7 lives of many young men and women in Rhode Island, through his life's dedication to teaching
8 and coaching youth and young adults; and

9 WHEREAS, John has had a long career in the Newport Public Schools as a Teacher,
10 Coach, Dean of Students, and Athletic Director, where he has consistently and selflessly spent his
11 time, talent, and energy to guide the youth of Aquidneck Island; and

12 WHEREAS, John's influence reached the college level at Salve Regina and across the
13 bay to the University of Rhode Island, where he coached basketball and women's softball, and
14 onto the radio waves of WADK, where he still keeps abreast of high school and college
15 basketball, broadcasting as a color analyst; and

16 WHEREAS, John's contributions to the many civic organizations he is affiliated with are
17 too numerous to list, and have stretched across many years and earned the appreciation of
18 countless people; now, therefore be it

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

1 hereby congratulates John Dias, an exceptional man who is truly deserving of the gratitude and
2 recognition he has been afforded, on being named the Newport Elks Lodge 104, Citizen of the
3 Year. We applaud his accomplishments and wish him the very best health and continued success
4 in all his future endeavors; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. John Dias.

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