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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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

**HONORING AND CONGRATULATING DR. ISADORE S. RAMOS, JR., ON BEING  
SELECTED AS THE 2015 RECIPIENT OF THE "LIVING THE DREAM" AWARD**

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Melo, Amore, Hearn, and Barros

Date Introduced: February 11, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission has unanimously  
2 selected Dr. Isadore S. Ramos, Jr., as the 2015 "Living the Dream" Award recipient; and

3           WHEREAS, Dr. Ramos was the first Cape Verdean mayor in the United States, and the  
4 first teacher of color at East Providence High School, but more importantly, he is a truly good and  
5 kind man whose "give back" approach to life upholds the principles and emulates the legacy of  
6 the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

7           WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Izzy" by his family and many friends, Dr. Ramos  
8 earned a Bachelor's and Master's degree in education from the University of Southern Illinois, a  
9 certificate of administration from Rhode Island College, and a doctorate from the University of  
10 Connecticut. He is a longtime resident of the City of East Providence and for thirty-five years  
11 had been an educator, coach, dean of students and vice principal at the city's high school, and  
12 served as the school department's assistant superintendent before retiring in 2000; and

13           WHEREAS, In addition to his educational career, Dr. Ramos was elected to serve on the  
14 East Providence School Committee and was twice elected to the City Council. During his second  
15 term, his fellow council members elected him Mayor. In addition, he has been honored with a  
16 plethora of awards throughout his lifetime, and has been active in a multitude of cultural and civic  
17 organizations, too many to list; and

18           WHEREAS, Over the years, Dr. Ramos earned the unqualified admiration and respect of  
19 those he has taught, worked with, or helped in myriad ways. He has lived through many forms of

1 segregation and the frustrations, pain, and intractable challenges of racism, but has always taken  
2 the noble path of peace, tolerance, and hard work; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Isadore S. Ramos is a man who has the ability to uplift others around  
4 him making them better people and making the world a better place for those who follow the  
5 dream of a brighter tomorrow; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
7 Providence Plantations hereby honors and congratulates Dr. Isadore S. Ramos, Jr., on being the  
8 recipient of the 2015 "Living the Dream" Award. We can think of no one who deserves this  
9 distinction more than Izzy, and wish him the very best of health and happiness in all his future  
10 endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Isadore S. Ramos, Jr.

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