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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DR. PHIL ZARLENGO FOR RECEIVING THE "2017 AARP RHODE ISLAND ANDRUS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE"

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Shekarchi, Morgan, Ajello, and Lancia

Date Introduced: January 30, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The AARP's "Andrus Award" is given annually at the state level to those
2 who volunteer their time to improve and enhance the lives of the residents in their community;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Phil Zarlengo is a native of Chicopee, Massachusetts. He graduated
5 from UMass Amherst with a Bachelor's degree in Social Science, Brown University with a
6 Master's degree in History, from the University of Connecticut with a Doctorate in Management
7 and Evaluation, and attained a Certificate in Public Affairs from Tufts University; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Zarlengo's exemplary professional career encompasses numerous
9 accomplishments. He was the Executive Director of Brown University's National Education
10 Research Lab, and developed new models for teacher and school program evaluations for use
11 across the nation. He served as an administrator for the Rhode Island Department of Education
12 and the Providence School Department where he monitored state and local programs for special
13 population children. He currently serves as the CEO of his own management consulting firm
14 which evaluates and seeks ways to improve school programs for low achieving students in urban
15 schools. He is also a member of the ACE Charter School Board of Directors; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Zarlengo served as AARP Rhode Island's first State President, where he
17 helped hire and develop the original state staff. He was later selected to serve on the AARP
18 National Board and served as Board Chair before stepping down in 2012. During his more than
19 fourteen years of volunteer service, he was a tireless advocate for the protection of Americans

1 aged 50 and older, a passionate defender of Social Security and Medicare, and a committed voice
2 in support of improving health care quality and access to all Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, In the words of the AARP, Dr. Zarlengo was chosen to receive the 2017
4 AARP Rhode Island Andrus Award for Community Service, AARP's most prestigious award, in
5 honor of his "remarkable service, which has greatly benefited Rhode Islanders, supporting
6 AARP's vision and mission, and inspiring other volunteers." State Director Kathleen Connell has
7 said that Dr. Zarlengo "was our guiding light when asked to assist in organizing the first AARP
8 Rhode Island State Office" and that "his advice was invaluable and his commitment
9 extraordinary"; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Zarlengo currently resides in Jamestown with his wife Charlotte. They
11 are the parents of Nancy Gilbert, and her husband Michael, and are the grandparents of Jeffrey,
12 Elizabeth and Abigail; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
14 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Dr. Phil Zarlengo on receiving the "2017 AARP
15 Rhode Island Andrus award for Community Service"; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Phil Zarlengo.

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