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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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

**HONORING REPRESENTATIVE JEREMIAH T. O'GRADY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Amore, Tanzi, and Carson

Date Introduced: June 23, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, More than seven years ago, the citizens of the Ocean State became the
2 beneficiaries of the abiding dedication to public service that Representative Jeremiah T. O'Grady
3 has brought to the State House each and every day as a valued member of the Rhode Island
4 House of Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, Jeremiah O'Grady graduated from the University of Vermont and attained a
6 Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Rhode Island. He is the husband
7 of Elizabeth and the father of Anna and Declan, and is a volunteer coach for the North Stars
8 Special Olympics team; and

9 WHEREAS, On November 2nd of 2010, the Honorable Jeremiah O'Grady successfully
10 ran for House District 46, which represents portions of the Town of Lincoln and the City of
11 Pawtucket. He had previously been elected to the Lincoln Town Council for four years, where he
12 served as President of the Council for two years. In addition, he was a member of the Lincoln
13 Budget Board, and served as Lincoln Town Moderator; and

14 WHEREAS, Well-respected by his peers, Representative O'Grady has served as a Deputy
15 Majority Leader, second vice-chairman of the House Committee on Environment and Natural
16 Resources, and is a member of both the House Committee on Corporations and the House
17 Committee on Judiciary; and

18 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the House, Representative O'Grady has championed
19 myriad bills including legislation that paves the way for nonprofit organizations to purchase

1 foreclosed homes in the state and sell them back to the foreclosed-upon homeowners with more
2 affordable mortgages. He also led the Special Legislative Commission to Study and Assess
3 Rhode Island's "Fair Funding Formula," which eventually resulted in a new state school funding
4 formula. In addition, he sponsored legislation to restore nearly \$10 million in previous cuts to the
5 developmentally disabled community and was the sponsor of the Student Journalists' Freedom of
6 Expression Act; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to long hours at the State House, Representative O'Grady is
8 employed as a program officer at Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and was formerly
9 a Real Estate Project Manager for the Olneyville Housing Corporation, and a past director of
10 Benchmark Human Resources; and

11 WHEREAS, A truly valued member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the
12 Honorable Jeremiah O'Grady has consistently demonstrated an abiding dedication to serving the
13 best interests of his constituency while helping to lead the Ocean State toward a future of ever-
14 expanding opportunities; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby honors Representative Jeremiah T. O'Grady for his dedicated
17 service to the people of Lincoln, Pawtucket, and the State; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Jeremiah T. O'Grady.

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