

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

THANKING DR. FRANCISCO TRILLA FOR HIS VOLUNTEER EFFORTS IN PUERTO RICO ASSISTING NUMEROUS PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE MARIA

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: January 18, 2018

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Francisco Trilla is the Chief Medical Officer of the Neighborhood  
2 Health Plan of Rhode Island, a nonprofit HMO founded in 1994 to ensure that everyone in Rhode  
3 Island has access to high-quality, low-cost health care. Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode  
4 Island currently serves more than 190,000 members and has been ranked as one of the top  
5 Medicaid health plans in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Francisco "Paco" Trilla is a Providence resident and a native of Puerto  
7 Rico. He decided to fly to Puerto Rico last year to check on his aunt and godmother after his  
8 godmother refused to heed his advice to evacuate the city of Carolina in Puerto Rico due to the  
9 approaching Hurricane. He arrived the day before Hurricane Maria struck and witnessed the  
10 hurricane's impact on the island. He was horrified at the extent of the destruction he witnessed  
11 and of the stories he heard of people dying of natural causes and being left behind due to the  
12 chaos caused by the hurricane; and

13 WHEREAS, Soon thereafter Dr. Trilla offered his services and got to work assisting  
14 people. He spent some of his time making house calls and checking on the health of various  
15 residents. A particularly vital service he provided was assisting patients on dialysis who hadn't  
16 had access to treatment for several days. In addition to his medical assistance, Dr. Trilla was more  
17 than willing to get his hands dirty and offer his physical labor in a variety of capacities, including  
18 clearing trees and roadways with a machete; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Trilla is a compassionate and caring medical professional who works

1 tirelessly every day to provide much-needed medical services to those who struggle to get access  
2 to decent healthcare. His volunteer efforts in Puerto Rico literally saved lives and the State of  
3 Rhode Island is very lucky to have this hard-working and dedicated doctor serving patients in our  
4 state; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
6 hereby thanks Dr. Francisco Trilla for his volunteer efforts in Puerto Rico assisting those  
7 suffering from the effects of Hurricane Maria. We also thank him for his many years of high-  
8 quality medical service to the needy and less fortunate in Rhode Island; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Francisco Trilla.

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