

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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**JOURNAL**  
**-OF THE-**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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**JANUARY SESSION of the General Assembly begun and held at the State House in the City of Providence on Tuesday, the sixth day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nine.**

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Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Twenty-eighth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 18, 2009 and is called to order at 4:14 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable William J. Murphy, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 6 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT - 69:** The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Carnevale, Carter, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, DaSilva, Dennigan, DeSimone, Diaz, Driver, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Fierro, Flaherty, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Jackson, Jacquard, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lima, Loughlin, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Naughton, Newberry, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Pollard, A. Rice, M. Rice, Ruggiero, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shallcross-Smith, Silva, Slater, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Watson, Williams, Williamson,

**ABSENT - 6:** Representatives Caprio, McCauley, San Bento, Sullivan, Wasylyk, Winfield.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Jackson who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, March 17, 2009 is approved as printed.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5997****BY** Fox, Costantino, Giannini, Murphy, Kennedy**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING KAREN ADAMS ON THE OCCASION OF HER 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT WPRI-TV {LC2078/1}

Representative Fox requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fox seconded by Representatives Giannini, Lima, Trillo, Naughton, Coderre, Menard, Loughlin, M. Rice, A. Rice, Gallison, Fierro, Ferri, Dennigan, Palumbo, Pacheco, Gemma, Carter, Costantino, Ruggiero, Serpa, Melo, MacBeth, Kilmartin, Handy, Ajello, Walsh, Kennedy and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5998****BY** Slater, Williams, Diaz, Almeida, Carnevale**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES ANNIS ON HIS HEROISM ON ENDING A HOSTAGE STANDOFF {LC2213/1}

Representative Slater requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Slater seconded by Representatives Gallison, Williams, Ajello, Diaz, Petrarca and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 5999****BY** Slater, Diaz, Almeida, Williams, Ajello**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING JOSE L. DESCHAMPS ON HIS HEROISM ON ENDING A HOSTAGE STANDOFF {LC2114/1}

Representative Slater requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Slater seconded by Representatives Palumbo, Diaz, Petrarca, Gallison, Almeida, Carnevale, Ajello, Gablinske and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6000****BY** Fox, Loughlin**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2228/1}

Representative Fox requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fox seconded by Representative Loughlin by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 6001**

**BY** Fox, Loughlin

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2227/1}

Representative Fox requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fox seconded by Representative Loughlin by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6002**

**BY** DaSilva, Melo, Lima, Savage, Kilmartin

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF NICHOLAS P. TAVARES {LC2224/1}

Representative DaSilva requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative DaSilva seconded by Representatives Melo, Dennigan, O'Neill, Gablinske, Savage and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Secretary of State, forthwith.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Costantino announces that everyone should have received Budget at a 2<sup>nd</sup> Glance.

Representative Costantino announces that the Committee on Finance will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Representative McNamara announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House.

Representative O'Neill announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

Representative Petrarca announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Representative Vaudreuil announces that the Committee on Labor will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 201 of the State House.

Representative Dennigan announces today is RI Public Health Think Day. The following Representatives attended the RI Public Health Think Tank Annual Seminar and were able to discuss their health care priorities 2009: Representatives McNamara, M. Rice, Naughton, Ferri, Giannini, Dennigan, Williams, Diaz, Shallcross-Smith, Driver, Walsh, Martin, Azzinaro, Almeida, Ruggerio and Slater.

The Honorable Speaker Murphy wishes Representative Jan Malik and his wife Mary a Happy Anniversary on St. Patrick's Day.

#### GUEST

At 4:21 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Murphy yields the rostrum to Majority Leader Fox.

By unanimous consent, Majority Leader Fox addresses the members of the House and welcomes to the House Karen Adams from Channel 12 on her 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

By unanimous consent, Karen Adams addresses the members of the House.

At 4:29 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker returns to the rostrum and congratulates Karen Adams.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 4:35 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Giannini, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Gino D'Abate; on motion of Representative DaSilva and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Nicholas D. Tavares; seconded by Representatives Fox and Loughlin the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE J. RUSSELL JACKSON**

Heavenly Father, look with favor on our deliberation and assist us by your grace to do what is just and wise. Amen.