## **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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# **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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

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First Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 3, 2012 and is called to order at 4:23 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Gordon D. Fox, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 74 members present and 1 member absent as follows:

PRESENT - 74: The Honorable Speaker Fox and Representatives Ajello, Azzinaro, Baldelli-Hunt, Bennett, Blazejewski, Brien, Carnevale, Chippendale, Cimini, Coderre, Corvese, Costa, DaSilva, DeSimone, Diaz, Dickinson, Edwards, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Ferri, Flaherty, Gallison, Gordon, Guthrie, Handy, Hearn, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Keable, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, MacBeth, Malik, Marcello, Martin, Mattiello, McCauley, McLaughlin, McNamara, Medina, Melo, Menard, Messier, Morgan, Morrison, Naughton, Newberry, Nunes, O'Grady, O'Neill, Palumbo, Phillips, Reilly, Ruggiero, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Serpa, Silva, Slater, Tanzi, Tarro, Tomasso, Trillo, Ucci, Valencia, Walsh, Watson, Williams, Winfield.

ABSENT - 1: Representative Petrarca.

#### **INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Coderre 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 Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 is approved.

#### ADJOURNMENT OF 2011 SESSION

Majority Leader Mattiello moves to adjourn the 2011 Legislation Session seconded by Representatives O'Neill, Tanzi, Newberry and Trillo by unanimous consent on a voice vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **House Resolution No. 7001**

**BY** O'Neill, Fox, Mattiello, Martin, Serpa **ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF MARIE ELIZABETH CUSTER {LC223/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative O'Neill requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative O'Neill seconded by the Honorable Speaker Fox, Leader Mattiello, Representatives Martin, O'Grady, Ruggiero, Tanzi, Walsh, Cimini, Ajello, Valencia, Phillips, Johnston, Handy, Medina, Ferri, Messier, Malik, Corvese, Schadone, Diaz, McNamara, Gallison, Blazejewski, Azzinaro, Guthrie, Edwards, Keable, Jackson, Reilly, Trillo, Chippendale, Gordon, Costa, Morgan, Bennett, Lima, McCauley, Morrison, Fellela, Brien, Baldelli-Hunt, Nunes, Hearn, Marcello, Williams, San Bento, Kennedy, Jacquard, Tomasso, Serpa, Tarro, Ucci, Winfield and Hull by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 7002**

**BY** Azzinaro, Kennedy

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING JARED T.P. GULLUSCIO UPON ACHIEVING SCOUTING'S MOST DISTINGUISHED HONOR, THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT {LC7/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Azzinaro requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Azzinaro seconded by Representatives Kennedy, Menard, Hull, Reilly, McNamara, Phillips, Nunes and Ucci by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

#### **TRANSMITTAL**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Honorable Speaker Fox wishes Representative Brian Kennedy a Happy Birthday.

Representative Nunes wishes Senator Michael Pinga a Happy Birthday.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:43 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Corvese and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Bernardino Petreccia; on motion of Representative O'Neill, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Marie Elizabeth Custer; on motion of Representative Chippendale and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Rick K. Saylor; on motion of Representative McNamara, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Michael A. Kerns; on motion of Representatives Ruggiero and Watson and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Ruth Long; on motion of Representatives Brien, Watson and Gallison and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Derrick William Gablinske; seconded by Representatives Mattiello and Newberry the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

<u>Linda M. McElroy</u> Recording Clerk

### **APPENDIX**

#### **INVOCATION**

#### REPRESENTATIVE ELAINE A. CODERRE

Dear God: A new year signals a new beginning, let us now strive to continue the good work of our past session and let us remember that progress is made through adversity and struggle. Let us respect each member's positions and encourage debate without rancor. We ask you to help us work together to bring about the changes necessary to make a better life for all our citizens. Amen