The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 1, 2013 and is called to order at 2:25 o’clock P.M., by the Honorable Peter F. Martin, Senior Representative from Newport.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journals of Monday, June 11, and Tuesday, June 12, 2012 are approved.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Rabbi Sarah Mack, Temple Beth-El in Providence who delivers the Invocation.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

POSTING OF COLORS AND ACCOMPANIMENT

The Honorable Peter F. Martin requests the Rhode Island State Police Honor Guard to post the colors, accompanied by the Rhode Island Professional Fire Fighters Pipe & Drum Band.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable Peter F. Martin calls on students from Martin Luther King Elementary School in Providence-5th grade to lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Honorable Peter F. Martin calls on Matthew Quinn, Rhode Island College 2012 Graduate to sing the National Anthem.

COMMUNICATION

The Honorable Peter F. Martin announces the receipt of the following communication:

January 1, 2013

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I, A. Ralph Mollis, Secretary of State, hereby certify the following list of members elected to the House of Representatives in the General Assembly, in accordance with the certificate of election filed in this office by the Board of Elections on the twentieth day of November 2012, as provided by Section 22-3-13 of the General Laws of the 1956:

- Edith H. Ajello
- Christopher R. Blazejewski
- Thomas A. Palangio
- Gordon D. Fox
- John J. DeSimone
- Raymond A. Hull
- Maria E. Cimini
- John Joseph Lombardi
- Anastasia P. Williams
- Scott A. Slater
- Grace Diaz
- Joseph S. Almeida
- John M. Carnevale
- Charlene Lima
- Nicholas A. Mattiello
- Peter G. Palumbo
- Robert B. Jacquard
- Arthur Handy
- Joseph McNamara
- David A. Bennett
- Eileen Slattery Naughton
- Frank G. Ferri
- K. Joseph Shekarchi
- Joseph A. Trillo
- Jared R. Nunes
- Patricia L. Morgan
- Patricia A. Serpa
- Scott J. Guthrie
- Lisa P. Tomasso
A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Received and placed on file.

ROLL CALL

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 75 members present and 0 members absent as follows:


ABSENT - 0:

The Honorable Peter F. Martin addresses the House.

APPOINTMENTS

The Chair appoints Representative Corvese, Representative Melo, Representative Azzinaro, Representative Fellela, Representative Serpa, Representative Silva, Representative Walsh, Representative Ferri, Representative Trillo, and Representative Hull to escort the Honorable Secretary of State to the rostrum of the House.

OATH OF OFFICE

A. Ralph Mollis, Secretary of State addresses the members of the House.

The Representatives-elect rise, as Secretary of State, A. Ralph Mollis, administers the Oath of Office to all members.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The Honorable Peter F. Martin calls for nominations.

Representative Joy Hearn of Barrington nominates Representative Gordon D. Fox of Providence, to be Speaker of the House of Representatives. Representative Hearn discusses the nomination.
The nomination is seconded by Representative Thomas Winfield of Smithfield. Representative Winfield offers his remarks.

The nomination is also seconded by Representatives Serpa, Valencia, Melo, Ajello, Cimini, Tomasso, Mattiello, Handy, Phillips, Johnston, Walsh, Tanzi, Nunes, Ruggiero, Carnevale, Almeida, Hearn, Marcello, Ucci, Jacquard, Williams, Coderre, Naughton, O’Grady, Shekarchi, Winfield, Marshall, Fellela, Casey, Baldelli-Hunt, San Bento, Kennedy, Messier, Ackerman, MacBeth, Ferri, Malik, McNamara, Corvese, O’Brien, Diaz, Slater, Palumbo, DeSimone, Finn, Craven, Canario, Amore, Lima, Fox, Bennett, Hull, Gallison, Blazejewski, McLaughlin, Silva, Edwards, Guthrie, Azzinaro, Kazarian, Lally, Keable, Costantino, and Abney.

Representative Chippendale nominates Representative Newberry to be Speaker of the House.

The nomination is seconded by Representative Costa.

The Honorable Peter Martin asks if there are any other nominations.

Leader Mattiello seconded by Whip Ucci, moves that nominations be closed.

The motion to close nominations prevails, on a voice vote.

The election of Representative Gordon D. Fox as Speaker of the House prevails, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting for Representative Fox and 6 members voting for Representative Newberry and 3 members abstaining as follows:


**NEWBERRY**-Representatives Chippendale, Costa, Giarrusso, Morgan, Newberry, Trillo.

**ABSTAINED**-Representatives Dickinson, Lombardi, O'Neill.

The Chair declares the Honorable Gordon D. Fox is re-elected Speaker of the House for the years 2013-2014.
APPOINTMENTS

The Chair appoints Representative Ajello, Representative Jacquard, Representative DeSimone, Representative Lima, Representative Naughton, Representative San Bento, Representative Williams, Representative Coderre, Representative Kennedy, Representative Lally, Representative Newberry, Representative McNamara, Representative Malik, Representative Diaz, and Representative Handy as a committee to escort the Speaker-elect, and his partner, Marcus LaFond to the rostrum.

The Chair appoints Representative Gallison, Representative Blazejewski, Representative Marcello, Representative Ucci, Representative Morgan, Representative Carnevale, Representative Edwards, Representative MacBeth, Representative Ruggiero, Representative Slater, and Representative Messier as a committee to escort the Honorable Alice B. Gibney, Presiding Justice of Rhode Island Superior Court, to the rostrum.

OATH OF OFFICE

The House attends while the Honorable Presiding Justice Gibney administers the Oath of Office to the Honorable Speaker.

NOW PRESIDING

The Honorable Peter F. Martin turns over the rostrum to the Honorable Speaker Gordon D. Fox.

The Honorable Speaker Fox addresses the members of the House.

ELECTION OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The Honorable Speaker declares the election of Clerk is in order and calls for nominations.


There being no further nominations, Representative Blazejewski seconded by Representative Ucci, moves that nominations be closed.

The motion to close nominations prevails, on a voice vote.

Representative Coderre moves that Representative San Bento be directed to cast one ballot for Francis McCabe of Pawtucket to be Clerk of the House for the 2013-2014 Session, seconded by Representative Ucci.
Representative San Bento casts one ballot for Francis McCabe for the office of the Clerk of the House for the years 2013-2014. The motion prevails by unanimous consent on a voice vote.

Francis P. McCabe is elected Clerk of the House of the Session 2013-2014.

**ELECTION OF RECORDING CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

The Honorable Speaker declares the election of a Recording Clerk is in order and calls for nominations.

Representative Corvese, seconded by Representative O’Brien, nominates Linda McElroy of North Providence to be Recording Clerk of the House for the Session 2013-2014.

There being no further nominations, Representative Lally, seconded by Representative Corvese, moves that nominations be closed.

The motion to close nominations prevails, on a voice vote.

Representative Lally moves that Representative Corvese be directed to cast one ballot for Linda McElroy of North Providence to be Recording Clerk for the 2013-2014 Session, seconded by Representative Ucci.

Representative Corvese casts one ballot for Linda M. McElroy for the office of Recording Clerk of the House for the years 2013-2014. The motion prevails by unanimous consent on a voice vote.

Linda McElroy is elected Recording Clerk of the House of the Session 2013-2014.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Honorable Speaker Fox administers the Oath of Office to the Clerk of the House, Frank McCabe and the Recording Clerk of the House, Linda McElroy for the 2013-2014 Session.

**GUEST**

At 3:50 P.M. the Honorable Speaker yields the rostrum to the Honorable Governor Lincoln D. Chafee.

By unanimous consent, Governor Chafee addresses the members of the House.

At 3:53 P.M. the Honorable Speaker returns to the rostrum.
GOD BLESS AMERICA

The Honorable Speaker welcomes back to the rostrum Matthew Quinn, who will sing “God Bless America.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 1, 2013

From Speaker Fox:

I hereby appoint Representative Donald J. Lally, Jr. of Narragansett, RI as Deputy Speaker.

I hereby appoint Representative Elaine Coderre of Pawtucket, RI as Speaker Pro Tempore.

Received and placed on file.

Leader Mattiello announces that session will convene at 4:00 P.M. tomorrow.

GUESTS

Representative Mattiello welcomes his wife, Maryanne Mattiello, his sons, Nicholas and Anthony Mattiello; Nicholas Capobianco and councilman Paul Archetto to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Newberry welcomes Representative Antonio Giarrusso, his wife, Janet Giarrusso, his children, Anthony Giarrusso Jr., Andrea Giarrusso, Leonardo Giarrusso and James Giarrusso to the House as guests.

Representative Martin welcomes Representative Marvin Abney to the Chamber.

Representative Diaz welcomes Daysi Landorf, David Perdomo, Eva Rodriguez, City Council woman, Carmen Castillo and Courney Smith to the House Chamber as a guests.

Representative McLaughin welcomes Representative Mia Ackerman to the Chamber along with her family Barry Ackerman-husband, Samuel Ackerman-son, Elicia Ackerman-daughter, Daniel J. McKee-Mayor of Cumberland, William Murray-Councilor, Craig Deyer-Councilor, and friends-Raphael Bieber and Dr. Jacques Berun to the House as guests.

Representative Silva welcomes his wife, Mena Silva, and children-Sofia Silva, Gus Silva, Luiz Silva, Nelson Silva, and sisters-Connie Gonsalves and Fatima DaSilva to the Chamber as guests.

Representative Amore welcomes Nancy Amore-mother, Lee Smith Amore -wife, Tess and Megan Amore-daughters, Grace Amore Voll-niece, Chris Voll, Jennifer Voll, Wendy Smith,
Alexandra Hummell, Cameron Hummell, Pam Traverse, Rob Traverse and Corrie Traverse to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Corvese thanks his wife, Terry and daughters-Maria and Christina, his father, Arthur and his wife Olive, and his mother Rose.

Representative Edwards welcomes Representative Dennis Canario, his wife, Amy Canario, and family and friends-Jonathon Canario, Olivia Canario, Dennis Canario Jr., Tori Canario, Kathy Beaudoin, Armand Beaudoin, Margaret Cabral, Nichole Cabral, Mary Ellen Caniglia, Leah Caniglia, Arty Medeiros and Melissa DeSomma to the Chamber as guests.


Representative Gallison also welcomes his parents Raymond and Barbara Gallison, Timothy and Nathan Gallison-sons, his wife Diane Gallison and Bristol Police Chief Joshua Canario to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Slater welcomes his wife, Bianca Rodriguez-Slater and Jenn Fortier to the Chamber as guests.

Representative Baldelli-Hunt welcomes Lisa Costantino and children and Debra Hunt Casey to the House as guests.

Representative Naughton welcomes Representative Joseph Shekarchi, his father Dr. Shekarchi and his sister Mary to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Coderre welcomes her husband, Raymond, her son, Robert, grandsons-David and Jack and her granddaughter, Hannah to the Chamber as guests.

Representative O’Grady welcomes his wife, Beth Crohan and his daughter, Anna Rose Crohan-O’Grady to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Ruggiero welcomes Representative Linda Finn, her father-Fred Dill, John Finn, husband, and children Phoebe and Jack to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Ruggiero also welcomes Lyne Cloutier, Bruce and Ann Livingston to the Chamber as guests.

Representative Carnevale welcomes Representative Joe Almeida, and his wife Zoraida, Representative Thomas Palangio and Representative John Lombardi and his wife Denise to the House.
Representative Almeida welcomes Linda and Steve Morno, Jamal Penny, Tenesa Snead, Rochelle Lee, Joe Buck, Jermune and Mahadi Dorsey, Zoraida Almeida and Steve Bento to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Tanzi welcomes Representative Donna Walsh’s family- Henry and Dawn Walshson and daughter-in-law, her husband, Henry Walsh, and granddaughters-Amanda and Kelvan Farnham to the House as guests.

Representative Walsh welcomes Representative Teresa Tanzi’s family-her husband, Dr. Eric Buchbaum and daughter, Delia Tanzi Buchbaum to the Chamber as guests.

Representative Phillips welcomes Marge Rabeck, Barbara Simmons, Don and Rita Turcotte, Paul and Rachel Beausoleil, Oscar Hancock, Garrett Mancieri, and his wife, Nancy E. Phillips to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Tomasso welcomes her husband, David Tomasso, and sons-Nicholas Tomasso, Nathan Tomasso and Aidan Tomasso to the Chamber as guests.

Representative Serpa extends thanks to Chairman Ed Pacheco and his staff.

Representative Melo welcomes Representative Katherine Kazarian along with Michelle Kazarian, mother, Jackie Kazarian, sister, and friends-Fred Marzilli, Joyce Avedisian, Roxy Avedisian, Ani Haroian, Krissy Haroian and Paul Haroian to the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Ferri welcomes his husband, Tony Caparco, Margaret Morisseau, Michael Caparco, Ann and Ed Bonetti, Lauren and Justin Corbeil, Gregg Bonetti and Clayton Miller to the Chamber as guests.

Representative O’Brien welcomes Joshua J. Goding, John L. Picard, Chuck Pollock, Sharon Bisceglio, Gina Bisceglio, Michael and Bert Brousseau, Janice Morse, Jim Kerte, June O’Brien and John O’Brien to the House as guests.

Representative Valencia welcomes his wife, Patricia Valencia, daughters-Xaviera and Jacqueline, son-Lee, Brett Pierson-Jacqueline’s boyfriend, sisters-Mary, Theresa, Christine and Irene and nieces Lauren Valencia and Emily Marquis the House Chamber as guests.

Representative Casey welcomes his wife, Debra, Jeffrey Burlingame, Joseph Casey, Paula Casey and all members of the family and friends to the House as guests.

Representative Martin welcomes Ken Dooley and Ed Kane to the Chamber as guests.

Representative Keable welcomes his parents-June Keable, Dennis Keable, Charolette Gabrielson, his wife, Colleen Keable, Carol Murphy, and Roberta Lacey to the House Chamber as guests.
BENEDICTION

The Honorable Speaker Fox presents Reverend Joseph D. Santos Jr., pastor of Holy Name Church in Providence for the benediction.

(For Benediction see Appendix of this Journal)

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:44 o’clock P.M. on motion of Representative Newberry, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Evan Timothy Mandeville; on motion of Representative Costantino, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Damian Costantino; on motion of Representative Tomasso and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Paul E. Kaltschnee; on motion of Representative Ferri, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Vincent M. Caparco; on motion of Representative Keable, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Frank Beazley; seconded by Representatives Mattiello and Trillo the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy
Recording Clerk
A renowned theologian, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, when asked to give his most important message to young people, responded:

“Remember that there is a meaning beyond absurdity. Be sure that every little deed counts, that every word has power. Never forget that you can still do your share to redeem the world in spite of all absurdities and frustrations and disappointments.”

Wise words for representatives of the citizenry of this state.

As leaders, you have the privilege and the responsibility to insure the future of Rhode Island-guided by your individual talents and your hope in a bright future.

May you be blessed with determination, strength, and vision. May you never forget to protect the most vulnerable among us. May you work to build a strong Rhode Island so that future generations can enjoy its gifts. And may you always find “meaning beyond absurdity” in these chambers as you work for the good of the people. Amen.
APPENDIX

BENEDICTION

The Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations in 1842 stated:

“We, the people of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, grateful to Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which He has so long permitted us to enjoy, and looking to Him for a blessing upon our endeavors to secure and to transmit the same unimpaired to succeeding generations, do ordain and establish this constitution of Government.”

Thank You Lord God for the opportunity of prayer for the freedom to be amongst Your family meeting together in the House of Representatives and in the warmth of Your embrace

Thank You that in prayer we can put aside the uncertainties of this world and rest upon the certainties of Your Kingdom for Your promises and Laws are not changeable as those of a politician might be but immovable and eternal

Thank You that we can bring to Your feet all the hurts and fears that trouble us and leave them there knowing that Your strength and assurance are all that we require

Thank You that as we draw near in prayer we are transported from a world of concerns and fears to a place where we can be at peace in Your presence find healing, wholeness and refreshment.

Thank You Lord God for the opportunity of prayer
To beg that Your blessing may descend upon all those who work For the good of our State.

Lord, Father of the universe, You have created mankind to work with You. Enlighten those who lead and govern us. You know how hard it is to be always fair, considerate and compassionate. Our politicians and leaders need Your help and guidance, Lord. Grant them Your love and benevolence and make them attentive to Your perfect will. Heavenly Father, make them instruments of justice and freedom, genuine defenders of good. In Your infinite mercy, Father, give them the desire to serve, and teach them to stand for the right causes through a conduct always faithful to You. Bless our political leaders and protect them, defend them against the evil one, now and forever. Amen.

Rhode Island State House of Representatives 1st of January 2013