

**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 first day of January in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nineteen.**

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Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Fourth Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 8, 2019 and is called to order at 4:14 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 70 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 5: Representatives Abney, Blazejewski, Diaz, Marshall, Marszalkowski.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Williams 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, January 3, 2019, is approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Abney is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Due to being a guest of NCSL at a LEADERS in TRAINING EVENT.

Representative Grace Diaz is unable to attend session today, Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Representative Corvese announces that the Committee on Rules will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

Representative McLaughlin welcomes everyone back to the House along with new pages and old.

**GUEST**

Representative Vella-Wilkinson welcomes to the House Chamber as a guest from Warwick former Representative Arthur L. Simonini from District 31 which is currently her District 21.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader Shekarchi reminds members a photographer will be in the House Lounge at the rise. The Leader announces the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual training session for members only on sexual harassment, discrimination and diversity will be held tomorrow at the rise, in the House Lounge. Leader Shekarchi informs members that items left at their desks during off session were boxed and can be picked up in Room 203. Leader also informs freshman if they never received an email from Lexis Nexis with new passwords or need assistance to see Sue Pegden.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5038**

**BY** Johnston, Corvese, Shekarchi, Filippi, Kennedy

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH P. IACIOFANO {LC495/1}

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

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Johnston seconded by Representative Corvese, Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE**

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measure:

**Senate Bill No. 7****BY** Ruggiero**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (Allow the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo to join Claritza Mejia Salazar and Thomas G. Casale in marriage on or about January 11, 2019, within the City of Providence, Rhode Island.) {LC372/1}

Leader Shekarchi requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, in concurrence, on a motion of Leader Shekarchi seconded by Representative Jacquard on a roll call vote, 69 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 69: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Ackerman, Ajello, Almeida, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Tanzi, Tobon, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**TRANSMITTAL**

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

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5039****BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC496/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5040**

**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC497/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:34 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representatives Johnston and Corvese, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Joseph P. Iacofano; on motion of Representative Millea, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Kevin Millea; on motion of Representative Maldonado, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Commander Rudolph "Rudy" J. Legenza; seconded by Leaders Shekarchi and Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS**

Eternal god: We give thanks for giving us another day to serve all your people. Send your spirit this day, and every day, to guide us as we work to make life better for all Rhode Islanders. Amen.

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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01/08/2019 Transmitted to Governor