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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE GORDON D. FOX FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, DeSimone, Lima, Lally, and Edwards

Date Introduced: June 20, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Gordon D. Fox has served in the Rhode Island House of
2 Representatives, District 4, for the past twenty-two years, representing the citizens in the Mount
3 Hope, Summit, and Blackstone neighborhoods in the City of Providence; and

4 WHEREAS, A life-long resident of the City of Providence, Representative Fox built the
5 perfect foundation to take on future challenges in the legal profession and the legislature,
6 graduating from Classical High School and Rhode Island College, and earning his Juris Doctorate
7 at Northeastern University School of Law. In 2010, he was also awarded an honorary Doctor of
8 Laws from Rhode Island College; and

9 WHEREAS, Winning his first foray into politics, Representative Fox was elected to the
10 Rhode Island General Assembly, in November of 1992. Earning the respect of his colleagues, he
11 was named Chair of the House Finance Committee in 2001, voted House Majority Leader by
12 fellow Democratic Representatives in 2002, and in February of 2010, was elected to the position
13 of Speaker by the House membership; and

14 WHEREAS, As Speaker of the House, Representative Fox brought wisdom, legal
15 erudition, and a tremendous work ethic to the General Assembly. He was instrumental in
16 enacting numerous pieces of landmark legislation including passage of marriage equality
17 legislation and the fair funding formula for Rhode Island's public schools. In addition, he
18 oversaw the enactment of legislation that lowered the state's income tax and authored the very
19 successful Historic Tax Credit Program; and

1 WHEREAS, During his lifetime and years at the State House, Representative Fox
2 maintained involvement with both statewide and community groups and organizations as well as
3 membership in numerous professional groups; and

4 WHEREAS, The Honorable Gordon Fox has served the people of the State of Rhode
5 Island with distinction and diligence and his service to the people of this state has ultimately
6 made Rhode Island a far better place to live and flourish; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby honors and thanks Representative Gordon Fox for more
9 than two decades of dedicated service enriching the quality of life for all the citizens of Rhode
10 Island. We wish him and his spouse Marcus LaFond the very best health and happiness; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Gordon D. Fox.

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