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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JOHN R. DIONNE ON BEING NAMED A 2014 INDUCTEE INTO  
THE RHODE ISLAND HERITAGE HALL OF FAME

Introduced By: Senators Cote, and Picard

Date Introduced: April 01, 2014

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Founded in 1965, the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame annually honors  
2 those individuals whose contributions have enhanced the heritage of the State of Rhode Island.  
3 Eligible members must be native Rhode Islanders or those who have adopted the Ocean State as  
4 their permanent home; and

5           WHEREAS, One of this year's venerable inductees is John R. Dionne, a man who has  
6 spent the better part of five decades volunteering and contributing his time, energy and talents in  
7 public service to a panoply of civic and charitable organizations throughout the state; and

8           WHEREAS, John Dionne was born in Woonsocket, a city he loves dearly and has served  
9 in many roles. He was a member of the City Council for ten years, six of them as President, and  
10 was director of public safety for five years. He was also the manager of the Board of Canvassers  
11 for seven years and Director of Human Services for one year; and

12           WHEREAS, As a young man, Mr. Dionne had dropped out of high school in the 11th  
13 grade and joined the United States Navy. With honor and distinction, he served four years of  
14 active duty and four years in inactive reserves, and earned his GED from the Rhode Island  
15 Department of Education. He was later employed for twenty-five years with the Marquette Credit  
16 Union and worked as senior vice president of marketing and public relations and president of  
17 Marquette Travel Services; and

18           WHEREAS, Altruistic and tireless, Mr. Dionne has served as chair of the Milk Fund for  
19 fourteen years and as co-chair for twenty-five years. He was a past board member of the Girl

1 Scouts of Rhode Island, United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island, the Greater Woonsocket  
2 Chamber of Commerce and Woonsocket Family & Child Services, and was a past president of  
3 Muscular Dystrophy of Rhode Island, the Greater Woonsocket Visiting Nurses Association, and  
4 the Blackstone Valley for Blind Association, to name but a few of his many contributions; and

5 WHEREAS, Also active in myriad community organizations, Mr. Dionne has been  
6 commander of the St. Joseph Veterans Association, served as president of the Woonsocket and  
7 Rhode Island Jaycees, and held numerous leadership positions with the state and national Jaycee  
8 organizations. He is a member of the Woonsocket Lodge of Elks #850, the Grand Knight of  
9 Keough Council Knights of Columbus, and the General Moylan 4th Degree Knights of  
10 Columbus. He had also previously served as a member of the Woonsocket Rotary Club, president  
11 of the Woonsocket Lions Club, board member of the Woonsocket Kiwanis Club, member of the  
12 St. Joseph's Parish Council, president of the Catholic Young Adult Council of the Diocese of  
13 Providence, and a board member of the Northern R.I. C.Y.O.; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Dionne has earned his reputation for  
15 excellence and dedication to others. Being an inductee into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of  
16 Fame is a momentous tribute to this exceptional gentleman who is truly a role model worthy of  
17 our recognition and emulation; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
19 hereby joins his wife, Jeannine, his children, Michelle Trupke, Elizabeth Rondeau, Catherine  
20 Dionne, and John J. Dionne and his multitude of friends and admirers in congratulating and  
21 honoring John Dionne on his induction into the Rhode Island Heritage Hall of Fame. We wish  
22 him good health, much happiness, and continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
25 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. John R. Dionne.

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