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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

**CONGRATULATING DUNCAN C. SPEEL ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
WOONSOCKET HOUSING AUTHORITY AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS
OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WOONSOCKET**

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Morin, and Casey

Date Introduced: March 12, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Duncan C. Speel graduated from the Wentworth Institute with an
2 Associate's degree in Applied Science, and the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor of
3 Science degree in Public Administration. Mr. Speel served our nation with honor and integrity in
4 the military during the Vietnam era; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Speel began his distinguished public service career more than thirty-
6 eight years ago, on September 20, 1976, when he was hired by the Woonsocket Housing
7 Authority. From his first day on the job, his colleagues and superiors noticed his attention to
8 detail, his tireless work ethic and his innovative approach to problem solving. As a result, he
9 began to rise in the ranks, culminating with his promotion to the position of Deputy Director; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Speel participated in numerous training programs throughout his career
11 including, those offered by the Institute for Real Estate Management, the National Association of
12 Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), The National Center for Housing Management
13 (NCHM) and with Nan McKay & Associates. All of this training allowed Mr. Speel to gather an
14 immense amount of knowledge regarding Real Estate and Housing issues, and enabled him to
15 establish a highly regarded preventative maintenance program for all of the Woonsocket Housing
16 Authority's property and equipment. The establishment of this program has kept the Woonsocket
17 Housing Authority's properties in better shape than most other public housing authorities across
18 the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Speel has served as the Woonsocket Housing Authority's Acting

1 Executive Director several times over his exemplary career and in this capacity, he was an
2 instrumental component in the establishment and development of the Woonsocket Housing
3 Authority's St. Germain Assisted Living facility; and

4 WHEREAS, Duncan Speel is an active parishioner at St. James Church in Woonsocket.
5 He and his wife Jeanne live in Blackstone, Massachusetts, and they enjoy spending time with
6 their two grown children and four grandchildren; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Mr. Duncan C. Speel on his retirement from the
9 Woonsocket Housing Authority after more than thirty-eight years of distinguished and dedicated
10 service to the citizens of Woonsocket; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Duncan C. Speel.

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