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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

**HONORING RABBI MARC S. JAGOLINZER FOR FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO HIS FAITH AND THE COMMUNITY**

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Reilly, Abney, Regunberg, and Carson

Date Introduced: May 19, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, A native of Providence, Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer has been the spiritual
2 leader of Temple Shalom in Middletown for the past 40 years. He is also a longtime community
3 leader, whose wide-ranging chaplaincy activities are reflective of his devotion to interfaith and
4 interdenominational understanding and acceptance; and

5 WHEREAS, Rabbi Jagolinzer has been the Chair of the Interfaith Committee of the
6 Conference for Community and Justice for many years, and has served as a Past President of the
7 Rhode Island Board of Rabbis, past President of the Board of the Chaplaincy Center, was past
8 Chair of the Principal's Council and former Board Member of the Bureau of Jewish Education, a
9 past Secretary of the Newport Hospital Board of Trustees, and was past Chair and is a current
10 member of the Hospital's Ethics Committee; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the years, Rabbi Jagolinzer's principles have inspired him to serve in
12 myriad capacities in the community in addition to serving his Congregation, including University
13 Chaplain at Roger Williams University and previously as Chaplain at Johnson & Wales
14 University. He is also on the adjunct faculty at Salve Regina University, where he teaches a
15 popular course entitled, The Jewish Experience; and

16 WHEREAS, The inspiring ecumenical work of Rabbi Jagolinzer has brought together
17 members of all faiths in fellowship and devotion. He is currently President of The Aquidneck
18 Island Clergy Association, Past Convener of the Interfaith Leaders of Rhode Island and serves as
19 a member of the Diocese of Rhode Island's Child Protection Advisory Board; and

1 WHEREAS, Rabbi Jagolinzer has flung himself into work with many community service
2 organizations and has given sermons and addresses in numerous religious houses of worship,
3 including having the distinction of being the first Jewish clergyman to preach from the high
4 pulpit of the historic Trinity Episcopal Church in Newport; and

5 WHEREAS, Multi-talented as well as deeply spiritual, Rabbi Jagolinzer pens a religion
6 column for The Newport Daily news, is currently one of the Chaplains for the Middletown Police
7 Department, and is the creator of an "Evening of Jewish Humor"; and

8 WHEREAS, Earning a plethora of honors for his dedication to the people of this state,
9 Rabbi Jagolinzer was recently chosen by the Diocese to receive the prestigious Lumen Gentium
10 Award as a Friend of the Diocese of Providence. He has also been the recipient of numerous
11 awards from the United States Navy, the National Conference for Community and Justice and the
12 Jewish Federation of Rhode Island; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his faith, a primary foundation in the life of Rabbi Jagolinzer
14 is his commitment to his family. He is the loving husband of 39 years to his wife, Barbara, the
15 devoted father of three children, and the very proud grandfather of three grandchildren; now,
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby honors Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer for forty years of dedicated
19 service to his faith, the community, and the people of Rhode Island. He has helped to teach us the
20 importance of all faith communities coming together and of building bridges of dialogue; and be
21 it further

22 RSEOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
23 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Rabbi Marc S. Jagolinzer.

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