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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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

**CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE GLORIA FOX ON HER RETIREMENT FROM
THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF
DISTINGUISHED AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO HER CONSTITUENTS AND THE
CITIZENS OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Almeida, Morgan, Lombardi, and Williams

Date Introduced: January 04, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Gloria Fox has served her constituents in the Massachusetts
2 House of Representatives with passion, compassion, honor, and integrity since she was first
3 elected in 1986. She has served as Vice Chair of the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Housing,
4 on the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, the House Committee on Steering, Policy and
5 Scheduling, and the House Committee on Ways and Means; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Fox's passion for serving the poor and vulnerable came
7 about in part as an extension of her life story. She was raised in foster care in Boston and Everett
8 and lived for a while as a single mother in Roxbury. She began her involvement in community
9 activism when she supported demonstrations opposed to the state's plan to extend Interstate 95
10 through Roxbury. She then went on to become a well-respected community activist in the 1960's
11 and 1970's; and

12 WHEREAS, Since her election to the Massachusetts House of Representatives,
13 Representative Fox has been a tireless advocate for the poor and dispossessed. She has fought
14 vigorously for the proper funding of human resource providers, and her passion for ensuring that
15 those in need are never forgotten is widely admired by her colleagues, friends, and those living on
16 the margins of society. Perhaps Representative Fox best described herself when she stated that
17 she portrays her work as "A life of giving and sharing." In 2011, Representative Fox received the
18 "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the National Black Caucus of legislators for her community

1 activism; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Honorable Gloria Fox, on her retirement from
4 the Massachusetts House of Representatives after thirty years of distinguished and devoted
5 service to her constituents and the citizens of Massachusetts. We wish her a most happy
6 retirement and continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Gloria Fox.

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