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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND WELCOMING DR. FÉLIX ANTONIO CRUZ JIMINIÁN ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, DeSimone, Williams, and Almeida

Date Introduced: January 21, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Born in Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic, Dr. Félix Antonio Cruz Jiminián
2 grew up in Cristo Rey, one of the poorest neighborhoods in the City of Santo Domingo. With
3 great determination, he was able to attend the Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo, but had
4 to borrow books from his friends, which often weren't available until late in the night, in order to
5 study and complete his assignments; and

6 WHEREAS, Through many years of personal sacrifice and perseverance, Dr. Cruz
7 Jiminián received his Doctorate of Medicine and opened a small clinic in the neighborhood where
8 he had grown up; and

9 WHEREAS, The clinic was soon serving hundreds of people daily, charging only
10 minimal fees or often providing free services. With the immense need for proper medical care
11 still urgent, Dr. Cruz Jiminián built a hospital. Utilizing social assistance programs and trained
12 professionals, hundreds of poor and disadvantaged people have been provided with the care they
13 desperately need; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, the hospital offers various treatments, operations, and procedures
15 including hydrocephalus treatment, TB treatment, and dialysis, and offers information and advice
16 to the community about the importance of good nutrition. Showing support for Dr. Cruz
17 Jiminián's efforts, the Dominican government and judicial system have assisted the hospital with
18 the purchase of an ambulance and hospital equipment to optimize its services; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition, Dr. Cruz Jiminián established a meals on wheels program to

1 serve the elderly and a neighborhood association to connect with residents in the city. He also
2 offers initiatives to promote good health practices and has a TV program to promote healthy
3 lifestyles; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Cruz Jiminián has and continues to shape a brighter future for the people
5 and children in his country. He has earned myriad awards from causes and associations around
6 the globe and he is eminently worthy of our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby warmly welcomes Dr. Félix Antonio Cruz Jiminián to our state.
9 We wish him good health, and we have every confidence that his future will be filled with
10 achievement, success and happiness; 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 Dr. Félix Antonio Cruz Jiminián.

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