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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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

**CONGRATULATING DR. THOMAS DIPAOLO, PH.D., FOR RECEIVING THE EIGHTH  
ANNUAL PAUL W. CROWLEY AWARD**

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Kennedy, Serpa, O'Brien, and Corvese

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas DiPaola Ph.D., Director of the Education Leadership Doctoral  
2 Program at Johnson & Wales University, will be awarded the Paul W. Crowley Award in the  
3 State Room of the Rhode Island State House on March 4, 2015; and

4           WHEREAS, The Paul Crowley Award, named after former Rhode Island State  
5 Representative Paul W. Crowley, is given annually by the Rhode Island School Superintendents'  
6 Association to a Rhode Islander who, during their professional career, has demonstrated a tireless  
7 commitment to improving the quality of education received by the school children of Rhode  
8 Island; and

9           WHEREAS, Dr. DiPaola began his distinguished public service career as the Director of  
10 Special Education in Central Falls from 1977 to 1984, in Pawtucket from 1984 to 1991, and in  
11 Providence from 1991 to 1992. He was also the Director of the Rhode Island Technical  
12 Assistance Project from 1991 to 2000. He assisted the late Representatives Paul Sherlock and  
13 Paul Crowley in their efforts to reform public education in Rhode Island, and played a crucial role  
14 in helping to reform and improve the special education process. His innovative approach to  
15 enhancing early reading programs helped to increase the reading abilities of countless Rhode  
16 Island children; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. DiPaola has served with distinction as a member of the Rhode Island  
18 School Superintendents' Association, as the Superintendent of the Westerly Public Schools, as the  
19 State Director of Special Populations, and at the Rhode Island Department of Education. He is

1 married to Nadine Champlin DiPaola and is the father of two children, a son, Christopher, and a  
2 daughter, Jaime; now, therefore be it

3           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
4 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Tom DiPaola, Ph.D. for receiving the eighth annual  
5 Paul W. Crowley Award. We thank him for his many years of exemplary service to the citizens of  
6 Rhode Island and for improving the quality of education received by every public school student  
7 in Rhode Island; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Thomas DiPaola, Ph.D.

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