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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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

**HONORING ARTHUR GRASSO ON THE JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF HIS 90TH
BIRTHDAY**

Introduced By: Representatives Murphy, Fox, and Diaz

Date Introduced: January 26, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Arthur Grasso was born in Westerly, Rhode Island, on January 26, 1920.
2 He attended Westerly Public Schools and graduated in 1937. Similar to most members of the
3 "Greatest Generation," Mr. Grasso answered the call of duty when his nation needed him during
4 World War II and served our nation with honor, courage, and valor. Mr. Grasso served in the 1st
5 Infantry Division and landed on Utah Beach in Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was later
6 wounded in action in September of 1944 in Belgium and received the Purple Heart from a
7 grateful nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Arthur Grasso married Mae, his wife of almost 54 years, on July 25, 1956,
9 and together they have two children, a son John and a daughter Linda; and

10 WHEREAS, Arthur was a successful businessman and community leader for many years.
11 He ran and operated Wakefield Auto Parts for 40 years before selling it and retiring. He served
12 from 1961 to 1962 as the President of the South Kingstown Chamber of Commerce. He also
13 served three terms from 1963 to 1969 as Vice-President and Chairman of the Police
14 Commissioner's revamped South Kingstown Police Department, making it one of the best in the
15 country; and

16 WHEREAS, Arthur's hobbies include golfing and gardening. He loves the game of golf
17 and is a member of the Quidnessett Country Club, as well as a life member of both Winnapaug
18 and Wanumetonomy Country Clubs. He won Quidnessett's four day annual golf tournament in
19 1984 with partner Peter Edes and had his first (and thus far only) hole in one at the age of 80 on

1 the 16th hole at Quidnessett; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations hereby honors Arthur Grasso on the joyous celebration of his 90th
4 birthday; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Arthur Grasso.

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