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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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

**CONGRATULATING ROY HEATON, PH.D., ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE  
CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representative Justin Price

Date Introduced: February 24, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Roy Heaton, Ph.D., is retiring from the State of Rhode Island after twenty-  
2 nine years of exemplary service to our state as a Teacher, Researcher, Chemist, Senior Chemist,  
3 and finally as a Principal Environmental Scientist; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Heaton attained a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the  
5 University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in 1971. He attained a Master's degree in Education from  
6 the University of Hartford in 1973, and a Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from the University of  
7 Rhode Island in 1986; and

8           WHEREAS, In 1990, Dr. Heaton began working with the Air Pollution Laboratory of the  
9 Rhode Island State Health Laboratories. He was hired to improve the state's air monitoring  
10 capabilities and one of his principal duties was to set up new air monitoring systems and to  
11 validate the laboratory's air monitoring data prior to submitting it to the DEM Air Monitoring  
12 Program and the EPA Air Now National database. He was also instrumental in establishing the  
13 state's laboratory and field aspects of various air monitoring programs including Air Toxics,  
14 Photochemical Air Monitoring Stations (PAMS), National Core Monitoring Stations (NCORE),  
15 criteria gases, and meteorological monitoring. In addition, he participated in particle pollution  
16 monitoring programs; and

17           WHEREAS, Dr. Heaton has served as a member of the Monitoring and Assessment  
18 Committee of NESCAUM (Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management), and is  
19 widely recognized by his peers on the national level as being an expert in the analytical chemistry

1 of air quality monitoring. He has worked tirelessly throughout his exemplary professional career  
2 to assist the national effort to protect the ozone layer, reduce acid rain and toxic pollutants, and to  
3 improve air quality and visibility; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Heaton is also an esteemed teacher and researcher. He taught chemistry  
5 at the upper-secondary level in the British educational system from 1972 to 1976. He held various  
6 research and teaching assistant positions within the Chemistry Department at the University of  
7 Rhode Island from 1976 to 1985, and he served as a Research Associate at the Graduate School  
8 of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island from 1985 to 1989. Finally, he served as a  
9 Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Connecticut College from 1989 to 1990; now,  
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
12 Providence Plantations hereby congratulate Roy Heaton, Ph.D. on his retirement from the State of  
13 Rhode Island after twenty-nine years of distinguished and devoted service to the citizens of  
14 Rhode Island. We wish him a most happy retirement and continued success in all his future  
15 endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Roy Heaton, Ph.D.

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