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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

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

**HONORING REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT A. WATSON**

Introduced By: Representatives Fox, Mattiello, Newberry, Menard, and O'Neill

Date Introduced: June 13, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with regret that this House has learned of the impending departure of  
2 The Honorable Robert Watson, who has made the decision not to seek re-election; and

3           WHEREAS, Bob Watson graduated from Bishop Hendricken High School. He attended  
4 Rhode Island College and earned his B.A. from the University of Denver in 1982. Continuing his  
5 education, he attained his Juris Doctor from Catholic University-Columbus School of Law, in  
6 1986; and

7           WHEREAS, In November of 1988, Bob Watson was elected to the Rhode Island Senate.  
8 In the subsequent election cycle, then-Senator Watson chose to run for, and was successfully  
9 elected to, the Rhode Island House of Representatives in what is now District 30, which includes  
10 East Greenwich and West Greenwich; and

11           WHEREAS, Representative Watson has held myriad leadership roles in the State House  
12 and within the community. He served as House Minority Leader for more than a dozen years and  
13 is currently a member of the House Oversight Committee; and

14           WHEREAS, Professionally, Representative Watson has served as a Commissioner on the  
15 Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline, a member of the American and Rhode Island Bar  
16 Associations, a member of the East Greenwich Lion's Club, and a member and past Chair of the  
17 East Greenwich Republican Town Committee; and

18           WHEREAS, Incredibly adroit at the art of debate, Representative Watson has initiated,  
19 elucidated, and defended copious pieces of legislation during his illustrious tenure; and

20           WHEREAS, After twenty-four years, Representative Watson's political career at the

1 State House may be coming to an end, but his legacy of true dedication as a public servant will  
2 continuously live on through those who had the pleasure to know and work with him, and through  
3 the paths of leadership he left behind; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
5 Providence Plantations hereby bids adieu to the Honorable Robert Watson and wishes him good  
6 health and the best of luck in the years to come; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The Honorable Robert A. Watson.

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