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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**

**HONORING REPRESENTATIVE HELIO MELO FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF  
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, DeSimone, Newberry, Costa, and Lancia

Date Introduced: June 18, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, On November 2nd of 2004, the Honorable Helio Melo was elected to the  
2 Rhode Island House of Representatives from District 64, which encompasses neighborhoods in  
3 the City of East Providence. Over the past twelve years, he has served his constituents and the  
4 citizens of Rhode Island with distinction and integrity; and

5           WHEREAS, Held in high regard by his fellow members, Representative Melo is a  
6 Member of the House Labor Committee and the House Committee on Environment and Natural  
7 Resources. He previously served as chairman of the House Committee on Finance from 2011  
8 until March of 2014; and

9           WHEREAS, During his tenure as Chairman of Finance, Representative Melo played a  
10 leading role in the passage of comprehensive pension reform legislation which reduced the state's  
11 liability by \$3 billion. He was also the sponsor of the enacted income tax reform legislation  
12 which reduced the tax burden for most Rhode Islanders and simplified the tax system, and had  
13 sponsored the Revenue Protection Act which established the state's share of table games at Twin  
14 River; and

15           WHEREAS, As a tireless advocate for his constituency and his community,  
16 Representative Melo had previously been elected to the East Providence School Committee  
17 serving from 1998 to 2004, and serving as Chairman from 2000 to 2002. He also served as  
18 Chairman of the East Providence Public Library Board of Trustees from 1995 to 1998, and as a  
19 member of the National School Board Association's Young Caucus, and as its Vice President

1 from 2000 to 2002. In addition, he has been a member of the East Providence Democratic City  
2 Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, The Honorable Helio Melo graduated from East Providence High School  
4 and attended the University of Rhode Island. He and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of two  
5 children, Nicholas and Victoria. In addition to the long hours he puts in at the State House, he is a  
6 training manager for the Jan Companies, and is a member of the Holy Ghost Beneficial  
7 Brotherhood of Rhode Island, the East Providence Knights of Columbus, Amigos da Terceira,  
8 and Holy Ghost Beneficial Brotherhood Mariense; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Helio Melo has earned the admiration of his colleagues and  
10 the gratitude of his constituency. He has touched the lives of so many people through his diligent  
11 efforts and with the legislation he has fought to enact. He is truly an extraordinary man, who  
12 serves as a model of dedicated and conscientious civic service, and he is eminently worthy of our  
13 gratitude and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
15 Providence Plantations hereby honors Representative Helio Melo as he concludes his service in  
16 the Rhode Island General Assembly. We thank him for a job well done, and extend our sincere  
17 wishes for his continued health, happiness, and success; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Helio Melo.

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