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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. JOHN J. WALSH, JR.,
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Algieri, Hodgson, Sheehan, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 09, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, John Walsh, M.D., was the first of seven children born into a large and
2 hard-working, blue collar family. At an early age, he began working odd jobs at Fenway Park, the
3 Boston Garden concession stands, and even for awhile on the docks as a "wharf rat"; and

4 WHEREAS, Working and commuting to school occupied the next decade of John
5 Walsh's life as he earned his degree from Boston College. Serving in the United States Navy
6 supplied the means to attain the next step in his journey towards becoming a doctor, his medical
7 degree from Tufts University; and

8 WHEREAS, After completing his training and passing the boards, Dr. Walsh was ready
9 to expand his future on other horizons by marrying Agnes, or "Aggie," as he fondly refers to his
10 wife of fifty-two years. Together the couple raised five children; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. John Walsh was the first board-certified surgeon hired at South County
12 Hospital, but originally began working at the hospital as a general practitioner while he built his
13 practice. For many years he maintained a flourishing practice in Wakefield on Mechanic Street
14 and later on Point Judith Road; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1988, at the venerable age of sixty-six, John Walsh transitioned to
16 emergency room medicine. At a time in life when many people choose to retire, John was
17 working 12 hour days, five days a week at South County Hospital's emergency room; and

18 WHEREAS, After fifty-seven years of being an incredibly hard-working, compassionate,
19 and devoted doctor, John Walsh retired at the end of 2010, at the age of 88; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. John Walsh has touched the lives and hearts of so many people. From
2 making house calls to saving lives in the ER, he is truly an extraordinary man and he is
3 enormously worthy of our emulation and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby recognizes and thanks Dr. John Walsh on the occasion of his retirement after more than
6 five decades of benevolent service to the people of South County and the State of Rhode Island.
7 We wish him good health, fulfillment, and some well-earned leisure and family time.

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. John J. Walsh, Jr.

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