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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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

**HONORING AND THANKING MAYOR ALLAN W. FUNG FOR HIS DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CRANSTON AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Fenton-Fung, McNamara, Casimiro, Kazarian,
Chippendale, Place, Filippi, Newberry, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 11, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Born in the City of Providence, Allan W. Fung is the eldest child of Kwong
2 Wen and Tan Ping, Crown colony Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong. In 1969, his family
3 moved to Rhode Island and ran a small business on Cranston Street and Gansett Avenue in the
4 City of Cranston; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Fung attended Classical High School, received his Bachelor's degree
6 from Rhode Island College, and his Juris Doctor from Suffolk University. He subsequently
7 worked as a prosecutor for the state Attorney General's Office, and later served as a lobbyist for
8 MetLife; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2002, the Honorable Allan Fung began his political career when he was
10 successfully elected to the Cranston City Council where he served for two terms; and

11 WHEREAS, On January 5, 2009, the Honorable Allan Fung was sworn in as Mayor of
12 the City of Cranston, and was the first Asian-American Mayor in Rhode Island history. Cranston
13 is the second largest City in Rhode Island and has a population of more than 81,000 residents. He
14 was re-elected four times as Mayor; and

15 WHEREAS, Under Mayor Fung's leadership, Cranston became one of the "Top 50 Cities
16 to Live in America" for three years in a row, and was also named one of the "Top 100 Best Cities
17 to Raise A Child" in 2017. In 2004, he was honored as a Rhode Island Bar Foundation Fellow. He
18 was also honored by Providence Business News as a "40 Under Forty honoree" and received the
19 Classical High School "Distinguished Alumni Award" in 2009; and

1 WHEREAS, Serving the community in myriad capacities, Mayor Fung has also been
2 Chair of the Rhode Island Governor's Insurance Council from 2005 to 2008, and is a council
3 member for the Republican National Committee's Asian Pacific American Advisory Council; and

4 WHEREAS, At the 2012, at the Republican National Convention, Mayor Fung met the
5 love of his life and future bride, Barbara Ann Fenton, a physical therapist. They married in the
6 summer 2016; and

7 WHEREAS, Through Mayor Fung's commitment, sound fiscal initiatives, and economic
8 development, the City of Cranston is thriving and his accomplishments are worthy of our
9 gratitude and recognition; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
11 honors and thanks Mayor Allan Fung for his dedicated service to the people of the City of
12 Cranston and the State of Rhode Island. We moreover wish him good health, happiness, and
13 much success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Allan W. Fung.

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