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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2003

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

**CONGRATULATING NATIVE RHODE ISLANDER ROCCO BALDELLI FOR SETTING
THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL RECORD FOR MOST HITS BY A ROOKIE IN THE
MONTH OF APRIL**

Introduced By: Representatives T Brien, Reilly, Menard, Laroche, and Murphy

Date Introduced: May 01, 2003

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Rocco Baldelli was a standout baseball player for Bishop Hendricken High
2 School and was the 6th player chosen in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft by the
3 Tampa Bay Devil Rays; and

4 WHEREAS, Rocco plays centerfield and his athleticism and baseball savvy reminds
5 folks of a young Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio or Willie Mays; and

6 WHEREAS, On April 30, 2003 Rocco not only hit his first Major League home run
7 against the Minnesota Twins, but his home run also set the Major League Baseball record for
8 most hits by a rookie in the month of April, with 40; and

9 WHEREAS, Rocco broke the record of 39 previously held by Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Rocco, thus far in the season, has a spectacular batting average of .364, with
12 40 hits and 20 runs batted in; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
14 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Rocco Baldelli for setting this new Major League
15 Baseball record and wishes him a spectacular baseball career and future induction into the Major
16 League Baseball Hall of Fame.

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