

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2005

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

**CONGRATULATING ELLEN J. SLATER GOPALAKRISHNAN, R.N., B.S.N., O.C.N. ON
BEING SELECTED FOR THE 2005 JAFFE AWARD FOR NURSING EXCELLENCE**

Introduced By: Representatives Dennigan, Slater, Diaz, Almeida, and Williams

Date Introduced: June 30, 2005

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Ellen Slater Gopalakrishnan is a staff nurse working in the Oncology
2 Department at Miriam Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. She was chosen for the honor of
3 receiving the 2005 Jaffe Award for Nursing Excellence due to her extraordinary dedication to
4 making a positive difference in the lives of her patients, their family members and her
5 colleagues; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Classical High School, Ellen attended the University
7 of Rhode Island, achieving Magna Cum Laude while attaining her Bachelor of Science Degree,
8 with a major in nursing. During her senior year, she was a nursing student associate at Rhode
9 Island Hospital; and

10 WHEREAS, To the very good fortune of the patients and staff at Miriam Hospital, Ellen
11 accepted a staff position in 1998 and began what she considers to be "...the most satisfying career
12 I could have envisioned"; and

13 WHEREAS, With seven years of experience, Ellen currently mentors and precepts many
14 of the hospital's novice and student nurses. She enthusiastically attends professional seminars and
15 is extremely active with a myriad of professional committees; and

16 WHEREAS, In the community, Ellen has volunteered in collaboration with the St.
17 Francis Cares Wellness Centers, providing screenings for blood glucose, cholesterol and blood
18 pressure. She also volunteers her skills at blood drives for the American Red Cross; and

19 WHEREAS, Ellen epitomizes the incredible love, compassion, and spirit of cheerful

1 dedication to her patients, that are the hallmarks of Rhode Island's nurses and caregivers. She
2 embodies the best in teamwork and her kindness and expertise with those in pain and distress are
3 exemplary and eminently worthy of our gratitude and recognition; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Ellen Slater Gopalakrishnan on the distinguished
6 honor of being selected for the 2005 Jaffe Award for Nursing excellence. We furthermore extend
7 our sincere thanks for her invaluable contributions to the health care of Rhode Island's citizens
8 and wish her fulfillment and joy in all her future endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ellen J. Slater Gopalakrishnan, R.N., B.S.N.,
11 O.C.N.

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