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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING REVEREND RAYMOND P. LUFT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEVOTED
COMMITMENT TO CHURCH AND FAITH

Introduced By: Representative Michael A. Tarro

Date Introduced: June 13, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Raymond P. Luft was born in Providence, but grew up in
2 Warwick, attending the city's public schools. At an early age, he began to think about becoming a
3 priest. He attended the diocesan minor seminary of Our Lady of Providence and graduated from
4 the college division in 1964. He was then assigned to St. Mary's Seminary for theological studies;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Ordained as a deacon in May of 1967, Fr. Luft returned to his alma mater,
7 Our Lady of Providence Seminary, to serve as a deacon prefect at the high school; and

8 WHEREAS, On June 8th of 1968, Fr. Luft was ordained a priest by Bishop McVinney
9 and was assigned to St. William's in Norwood. He later served at Blessed Sacrament Parish, St.
10 Patrick's Parish, and was then appointed Pastor of St. John's Parish in March of 1985; and

11 WHEREAS, In January of 1990, Fr. Luft was appointed administrator of Our Lady of
12 Mount Carmel Parish, in addition to serving as Pastor of St. John's Parish. He officially changed
13 his title from administrator to pastor of Mt. Carmel Church in June of 1991, when St. John's
14 Church closed its doors; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to providing his parishioners with leadership and spiritual
16 guidance, Reverend Luft has also proven to be a dynamic force within the community. He has
17 served as Chaplain to the Police and Fire Departments of Warwick and as one of the Chaplains to
18 the Police Department in Providence. He was also both the Department's Chaplain and a call man
19 for the Valley Falls Fire Department; and

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Luft has spent most of his life in devout service to God. Through
2 that unification, he has served and blessed the faithful, enriched the spiritual lives of many Rhode
3 Islanders, and earned our total respect and admiration for his achievements; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations is hereby pleased to honor Reverend Raymond P. Luft on the occasion of
6 his retirement, with appreciation and gratitude for his many years of priestly ministry. May he
7 have good health and many more years of benevolent service to his fellow man; and be it further

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 Reverend Raymond P. Luft.

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