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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CONGRATULATING JOHN H. BALL ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE COVENTRY HIGH
SCHOOL HALL OF FAME**

Introduced By: Representatives Guthrie, Tomasso, and Serpa

Date Introduced: March 20, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, For decades, John Ball, a retired teacher and former Director of Vocational-
2 Education at Coventry High School, has been inspiring students to envision the possibilities, to
3 have confidence in themselves and their abilities, and to believe in a future full of promise. He
4 has dedicated most of his adult life to vocational-technical education and to improving career
5 opportunities for young people; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Ball earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island,
7 and his Master's degree in Education and his C.A.G.S. diploma in Educational Administration
8 from the University of Connecticut. In addition, he continued his studies at numerous institutions,
9 including Cornell University, Temple University, the University of Maryland, and the University
10 of Colorado, among others; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1957, Mr. Ball began his career in education as a vocational agriculture
12 teacher at Coventry High School (CHS). After ten years, he was promoted to be the Director of
13 the West Bay Vocational-Technical School, a position he held from 1967 until his retirement in
14 1990; and

15 WHEREAS, During his tenure at CHS, Mr. Ball provided exceptional leadership and
16 support for vocational education. He played a major role in many initiatives, including the
17 Alternative Learning Program, the Rhode Island Distinguished Merit Program, the first
18 vocational satellite program in an industrial setting, and the "Time About Program," along with
19 many others; and

1 WHEREAS, Beginning the next chapter in his life, Mr. Ball served in a number of
2 interim positions, including Acting Principal/Director at Davies Career and Technical High
3 School, Interim Director of the Newport Vocational-Technical Center, consultant to the Rhode
4 Island Department of Education, and as an interim vice-principal in Smithfield; and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Ball has also been active in many civic
6 organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, the Rhode Island Secondary Principals
7 Association, the National Council of Senior Citizens, The New England 65 Plus Runners Club,
8 and the American Running and Fitness Organization, and was a member and Past President of the
9 Anthony Grange. Currently, he is a member of the Coventry Library Foundation and a member
10 of its Board of Trustees, as well as a member of the Rhode Island FFA Foundation; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Ball's revered reputation and successes haven't simply been a result of
12 good fortune, but are due instead to his genuine love of teaching, in-depth knowledge and
13 immense talents, his well-deserved achievements, and his warm personality and sense of humor;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, For his dedication to young people and to education, Mr. Ball has earned the
16 prestigious distinction of being inducted into the Coventry High School Hall of Fame. This
17 recognition is a momentous tribute to an exceptional man who has had a significant and profound
18 impact on the lives of his students through his extraordinary commitment to education; now,
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
21 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and honors Mr. John H. Ball on his induction into
22 the Coventry High School Hall of Fame. We wish him good health, much happiness, and
23 continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
25 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. John H. Ball.

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