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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DR. JIM F. BELL, III, ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE COVENTRY
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

Introduced By: Representatives Tomasso, Nunes, Guthrie, Chippendale, and Morgan

Date Introduced: March 26, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of his illustrious career, Dr. Jim Bell, a widely-respected
2 professor in the field of astronomy and space exploration, has not only distinguished himself
3 through his academic pursuits in his field of study, but has also provided the students at Coventry
4 High School with a role model to be emulated; and

5 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Coventry High School in 1983, Dr. Bell earned his
6 Bachelor's degree from the California Institute of Technology and his Master's degree and Ph.D.
7 from the University of Hawaii; and

8 WHEREAS, After completing his degrees, Dr. Bell joined the faculty at Cornell
9 University as a Research Assistant, which provided him with the opportunity to work with the
10 renowned astronomer Carl Sagan. Progressing with the university, he was made an Assistant
11 Professor, an Associate Professor, and a Professor of Astronomy, and has gone on to serve as a
12 Professor at Arizona State University; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell's career has included a panoply of noteworthy and enviable
14 accomplishments. He has worked on NASA projects, including the NEAR Project, during which
15 a spacecraft landed on an asteroid. He was also the leader of the Pancam color camera team for
16 the Mars Rover Spirit and Opportunity; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell has earned numerous honors and distinctions, including 11 NASA
18 Group Achievement Awards, selection as a National Academy of Sciences Kavli Fellow, the Carl
19 Sagan Medal for Excellence in Public Communications, AAS/DPS, and the pièce de résistance,

1 having an asteroid, the 8146 Jim Bell, named after him; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell's well-deserved successes haven't simply been a result of good
3 fortune, but are due instead to his in-depth knowledge, immense talents, and his determination.
4 Being an Inductee into the Coventry High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame is a
5 momentous tribute to an exceptional man who has not only brought pride to those educational
6 institutions that helped enable him to reach his goals, but has also provided future generations of
7 Coventry High School graduates with a guiding star; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
9 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and honors Dr. Jim F. Bell, III, on his induction into
10 the Coventry High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame. We wish him good health, much
11 happiness, and continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Jim F. Bell, III.

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