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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 GEORGE P. FOGARTY, JR. FOR HAVING THE CAFETERIA AT
NATIONAL GRID'S MELROSE STREET FACILITY NAMED IN HIS HONOR**

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Hull, Handy, Amore, and Casey

Date Introduced: March 05, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, George "Bing" Fogarty began his career with Narragansett Electric in 1950
2 as a laborer at the Manchester Street Power Station, and soon thereafter became involved with the
3 union; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1953, Bing was elected as the Secretary of Local 310 of the Brotherhood
5 of Utility Workers of New England, and in the succeeding fifty-five years Bing never lost an
6 election in which he was a candidate; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Bing served his brothers and sisters in a
8 myriad of local and national positions, retiring in 2008 as the National Organizer/Representative
9 of the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, and the Staff Representative for the BUW,
10 New England; and

11 WHEREAS, In the years that have passed since he first walked through the gates at
12 Manchester Street, there have been many changes to the company where he once worked, the
13 industry in which he was much involved, and the union movement that he cared so much about.
14 Yet, for sixty-two years Bing remained the one constant all parties could go to for an honest
15 assessment of the situation, a history lesson, a story supporting his reasoning, and, of course, just
16 a little bit of harassment; and

17 WHEREAS, After a long and distinguished career of sitting across the table from
18 management, it is only fitting that National Grid name its newly renovated cafeteria in
19 recognition of all that George "Bing" Fogarty has done to improve the livelihood of union

1 members and managers alike; and

2 WHEREAS, The fact that National Grid chose, today, to honor a longtime union official
3 whose interests often clashed with theirs is a testament to the high regard in which Bing is held;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, From this day forward, all persons entering this room will be reminded that
6 when honorable people are involved and the contentiousness of the adversarial process can be put
7 aside, then it is possible for the Union and Company to come together to better serve the people
8 of Rhode Island, and to build a stronger National Grid; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
10 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates George "Bing" Fogarty, on having the cafeteria at
11 National Grid's Melrose Street facility named in his honor; 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 George P. Fogarty, Jr.

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