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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

**HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DONALD J. LALLY, JR., FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, DeSimone, Corvese, Keable, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: March 19, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island House of Representatives will be losing a valued member
2 with the retirement of Representative Donald J. Lally, Jr.; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Lally graduated from East Providence High School. He continued his
4 education, earning a Bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and his Juris
5 Doctorate from the New England School of Law in 1980. He is employed as an attorney at Lally
6 Law Associates, LLC, and is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association; and

7 WHEREAS, In November of 1989, the Honorable Donald Lally was elected to the Rhode
8 Island House of Representatives from District 33, which encompasses Narragansett and South
9 Kingstown. He is currently the second most senior Representative in the House, having spent
10 almost twenty-six years serving his constituency and the citizens of Rhode Island with distinction
11 and integrity; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Lally has been a champion of myriad causes throughout his
13 tenure in the legislature. He sponsored and supported legislation that successfully closed a
14 loophole in the state's drunk-driving laws and criminalized "social host" actions involving minors.
15 In addition, he sponsored legislation making it illegal, for those convicted of a violent crime, to
16 own body armor; and

17 WHEREAS, Earning the utmost respect of his colleagues, Representative Lally has
18 served on a panoply of committees and in numerous leadership positions. He is currently the
19 Speaker Pro Tempore, and a member of the House Committee on Judiciary, the House Oversight

1 Committee, and the House Rules Committee. He also previously served as Chair of the House
2 Judiciary Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, As well as being a successful Representative of the people in the state
4 legislature, Don is a devoted husband to his lovely wife, Sandra, and is the proud father of two
5 children, Jessica and Connor. He has been active on numerous community organizations
6 including, the Narragansett Bay Project, the R.I. Aqua Fund Advisory and Narrow River
7 Preservation Association, and is a member of the Narragansett Democratic Town Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Lally has touched the lives of so many people through his
9 diligent efforts and with the legislation he has fought to enact. He is a true gentleman and an
10 extraordinary individual, who has served as a model of dedicated and conscientious civic service,
11 and is eminently worthy of our gratitude and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
13 Providence Plantations hereby honors Representative Donald J. Lally, Jr., as he concludes his
14 service in the Rhode Island General Assembly. We thank him for a job well done, and extend our
15 sincere wishes for his continued health, happiness, and success; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Donald J. Lally, Jr.

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