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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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

**HONORING CHARLES CELESTE BALDELLI ON A LIFETIME OF CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT  
AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON THE DEDICATION OF THE WOONSOCKET SENIOR  
SOFTBALL FIELD AND SPORTS COMPLEX IN HIS HONOR**

Introduced By: Representatives Morin, Casey, Phillips, Marcello, and Newberry

Date Introduced: April 14, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Charles Celeste Baldelli, better known as "Charlie" to his family and many  
2 friends, was born on August 4th of 1933, in the City of Woonsocket, a son of Alesandro and  
3 Marina Baldelli. As is often the case in his hometown, he continues to reside in the same home in  
4 which he was born; and

5           WHEREAS, Charlie attended public school in Woonsocket and later, served our country  
6 with honor in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon discharge, he attained  
7 employment at the Brown & Sharpe Manufacturing Company, rising to the management level  
8 before his retirement after thirty-five years of service; and

9           WHEREAS, In 1976, Charlie was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives.  
10 After serving five terms in the General Assembly, he was elected mayor of the City of  
11 Woonsocket. During his tenure as a legislator, he served on numerous committees and was  
12 instrumental in raising the drinking age in Rhode Island from 18 to 21 years of age, and in  
13 bringing a dialysis center to Woonsocket; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1985, Charlie was elected and became Woonsocket's first mayor of  
15 Italian American heritage. Dedicated to improving his beloved city, he initiated a top-to-bottom  
16 study of the city's municipal government, which resulted in its restructuring. He was also key in  
17 the creation of the Main Street Revitalization Plan, was the originator and supporter of a Labor  
18 Museum for the city, which eventually evolved into the Museum of Work and Culture, as well as  
19 being vital to the creation of the Woonsocket Neighborhood Development, the establishment of

1 the Woonsocket Municipal Court, the creation of a community assistance program, and economic  
2 initiatives that resulted in the creation and expansion of the Highland Corporate Park and CVS;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Charlie has also raised awareness for the City of Woonsocket's heritage and  
5 importance. He hosted, and in conjunction with the ever-youthful Albert R. Beauparlant, helped  
6 organize the city's centennial celebration in 1988. For his efforts, Charlie has been named Senior  
7 of the Year and was named Grand Marshall of Autumnfest; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to his serving as Mayor and in the General Assembly, Charlie  
9 was elected to the City Council and has served as the Chairperson of the Woonsocket Housing  
10 Authority, the Woonsocket Personnel Board, the Democratic City Committee, and as a member  
11 of the C.D.B.G. Board; and

12 WHEREAS, Not a man likely to slow down, Charlie has spent his retirement years  
13 dedicated to the creation of programs that benefit the senior citizens of Greater Woonsocket,  
14 including the establishment of a community-wide softball league, a bowling league exclusively  
15 for seniors, and aided in the development of leagues for bocce, quoits, table tennis, and pitch in  
16 order to enable and encourage area seniors to enjoy and participate in exercise, and experience  
17 cultural enrichment, and good fellowship; and

18 WHEREAS, In appreciation for the panoply of devoted service to the well-being of the  
19 people and particularly the senior citizens of the City of Woonsocket, the municipal senior  
20 softball field and sports complex has been dedicated and named in honor of Charles C. Baldelli,  
21 and we can think of no man more deserving of this recognition and of our gratitude; now,  
22 therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
24 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Charles C. Baldelli on the dedication of the  
25 Woonsocket Senior Softball Field and Sports Complex in his honor. We moreover thank him for  
26 his many decades of service to the people of this state and the City of Woonsocket, and we wish  
27 him good health and much happiness; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
29 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Charles Celeste Baldelli.

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