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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

**WELCOMING THE HONORABLE ORLANDO JOSÉ COGOLLO TORRES, MAYOR OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARJONA, COLOMBIA, AND HIS EMINENT DELEGATION TO
THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, Melo, Abney, Amore, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: May 21, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, A community that welcomes all who live and make their homes there is the
2 epitome of America's deepest values of freedom and equality, and opens the door to this nation's
3 greatest aspirations and prospects for prosperity and economic growth; and

4 WHEREAS, In business and commerce, education and government, descendants and
5 immigrants of Colombia have prospered and added greatly to the vibrancy of our state, our
6 economy, and our neighborhoods. Today, Rhode Island has more than 8,000 residents of
7 Colombian descent; and

8 WHEREAS, The Honorable Orlando José Cogollo Torres, Mayor of the Municipality of
9 Arjona, Colombia, and his delegation have come to Rhode Island to build and strengthen ties with
10 the City of Pawtucket as well as our state, through understanding, cooperation, and friendship;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Arjona is a municipality located in northern Colombia and has a population
13 of roughly the same size as Pawtucket. With goals not unlike the leaders of cities and towns
14 across Rhode Island, Mayor Torres endeavors to work for the betterment of his community and
15 his country; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby warmly welcomes the Honorable Orlando José Cogollo Torres,
18 Mayor of the Municipality of Arjona, Colombia, and his delegation to the Rhode Island State
19 House. We are honored to have them join us; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That this House hereby applauds the spirit of unity between the leaders of
2 the Municipality of Arjona and the City of Pawtucket and their goal of building stronger
3 communities through Sister City alliances and partnerships of cooperation and friendship; and be
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Orlando José Cogollo Torres,
7 Mayor of the Municipality of Arjona, Colombia.

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