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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

**HONORING DR. DONALD J. FARISH ON BEING NAMED THE PATRIOTIC SPEAKER
FOR THE TOWN OF BRISTOL'S 230TH FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, and Marshall

Date Introduced: June 25, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Town of Bristol's Annual Fourth of July Celebration was established in
2 1785, and is the oldest continuous celebration of its kind in the United States. As a long standing
3 tradition, the celebration's events honor our country's independence and include a patriotic tribute
4 in the form of a speech. The 2015 recipient of this prestigious honor is Dr. Donald J. Farish; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Farish emigrated from Canada in 1963, to pursue his graduate
6 education. He earned his Bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of British Columbia, a
7 Master's degree in entomology from North Carolina State University, a Ph.D. in biology from
8 Harvard University, and a Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2011, Dr. Farish was named the 10th President of Roger Williams
10 University. He has spent more than 40 years in higher education and is a highly regarded scientist
11 and author of six biology textbooks as well as numerous articles. On the national level, he has
12 served as on a Presidential Roundtable, organized by the National Center for Public Policy and
13 Higher Education, to discuss the future of higher education in the United States and locally, was
14 selected to lead the Executive Board of Rhode Island Campus Compact; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Farish and his wife, Maia, are prominent residents of the Town of
16 Bristol and are ardent supporters of the arts, as well as numerous cultural, educational and social
17 service organizations in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, The life and accomplishments of Dr. Donald Farish have not only earned
19 him the title of Patriotic Speaker, but also our utmost respect and sincere admiration; now,

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and recognizes Dr. Donald J. Farish on being named
4 the Patriotic Speaker for the Town of Bristol's 4th of July celebration; and be 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 Dr. Donald J. Farish.

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