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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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

**DECLARING OCTOBER 7, 2017, TO BE "REVEREND DR. SAMMY C. VAUGHAN DAY"
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Casey, Morin, Phillips, Keable, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: September 19, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Sammy C. Vaughan was born in Brooklyn, New York, and
2 raised in Franklin, Virginia. He was baptized at the age of 9 at the First Baptist Church of
3 Franklin, Virginia. He attended both elementary and high school in the city and graduated from
4 Hayden High School in 1948; and

5 WHEREAS, Shortly after graduating from high school, Reverend Vaughan joined the
6 United States Navy, and served our nation with honor and distinction for 22 years, retiring in
7 1969 as a Chief Aviation Storekeeper. He served our nation during the Korean and Vietnam Wars
8 and is the recipient of four Good Conduct Medals; and

9 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Vaughan graduated from Providence College in 1976 with a
10 Bachelor of Science degree in Hospital Administration. He is the retired Corporate Director of
11 Community Relations/EEO of the Lifespan Health Care System of Providence. He was employed
12 at Rhode Island Hospital and Lifespan Health Care System for more than thirty-five years, until
13 his retirement; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1990, Reverend Dr. Vaughan earned a Master's degree in Religious
15 Education from the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and in 1997, he earned a Doctor of
16 Religious Education degree from the Andersonville Theological Seminary. He was licensed to
17 preach the Gospel on April 24, 1983, and was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel on January 31,
18 1988. For the past thirty-four years, and particularly the past twenty-eight years as Senior Pastor
19 of Saint James Baptist Church, Reverend Vaughan has served the greater community with

1 passion and devotion, bringing the good news of God's love, grace, spirit and truth on a daily
2 basis to people from all walks of life; and

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Vaughan has served as the Past President of the United
4 Baptist Convention for Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire. He has also served as
5 a member of the Board of Directors for the Human Development Center of Greater Woonsocket,
6 as a member of the Corporation of Women and Infants Hospital, as President of the Minister's
7 Alliance of Rhode Island, and as a Chaplain for the Woonsocket Police Department. He is also a
8 Past Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Rhode Island, a Grand Prior,
9 Council of Deliberation, a Thirty-Third degree Prince Hall Mason, and a member of the United
10 Supreme Council, Northern Jurisdiction; and

11 WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Vaughan was married for sixty-three years to the late
12 Gwendolyn E. Maynard of Providence. He has three sons and a daughter, six grandchildren, and
13 five great-grandchildren; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby declares October 7, 2017, to be "Reverend Dr. Sammy C. Vaughan
16 Day" in the State of Rhode Island. We furthermore thank him for his service to our nation in the
17 United States Navy, and for his many decades of distinguished public and community service to
18 the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Reverend Dr. Sammy C. Vaughan.

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