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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

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

**HONORING REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS WINFIELD FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, McNamara, Ucci, and Corvese

Date Introduced: June 23, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House bids farewell to our good friend and  
2 colleague, the Honorable Thomas Winfield, who is retiring from the Rhode Island House of  
3 Representatives, District 53, after twenty-six years of devoted public service to his constituents  
4 and the citizens of the State of Rhode Island; and

5           WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Smithfield High School, Representative Winfield  
6 attended the Community College of Rhode Island and Providence College and earned his degree  
7 from the New England Institute at Mount Ida College. He is the President of Anderson-Winfield  
8 Funeral Home, and he and his wife, Rebecca, make their home in Smithfield; and

9           WHEREAS, Representative Winfield was first elected to the House on November 3rd of  
10 1992. His District encompasses neighborhoods in the Towns of Glocester and Smithfield where  
11 he has earned the trust and respect of his constituency, and has been re-elected thirteen times; and

12           WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure in the House, Representative Winfield has served on  
13 myriad committees, most recently as a member of the House Oversight Committee and the House  
14 Small Business Committee. He has advocated for and sponsored legislation on a panoply of  
15 issues over the years, including, requiring tax-exempt Bryant University to make financial  
16 payments to Smithfield in order to offset the town's expenses for providing services, and  
17 cosponsored legislation making Rhode Island's seat belt requirement permanent. He also  
18 sponsored expansion of the law permitting "in-law" apartments to cover any family member 62 or  
19 older, regardless of whether they have a disability, and most recently, he cosponsored measures to

1 eliminate unfair taxes on cars and trucks; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Winfield's unwavering commitment and advocacy for people  
3 with intellectual disabilities earned him the Special Olympics Rhode Island "Inspire Greatness"  
4 award in 2017. In addition, he is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association,  
5 A.M.A., the Democratic Representative District Committee, and the Smithfield Lions; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Winfield's political career may be coming to an end, but his  
7 legacy of true dedication as a public servant will continuously live on through the legislation he  
8 has helped to enact and the lines of friendship that will endure forevermore; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
10 Providence Plantations hereby honors Thomas Winfield as he concludes his service in the Rhode  
11 Island House. We will miss him and the ever-faithful Buddy, and thank him for a job well done;  
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Thomas Winfield.

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