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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

HONORING CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER CLIFFORD R. MONTEIRO

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Hull, Williams, Fellela, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 21, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Clifford Monteiro was born in the City of Providence, attended the
2 University of Rhode Island, and also took classes at Roger Williams College; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Monteiro has held numerous titles including
4 serving as a Providence police officer, but his foremost accomplishments have always been and
5 continue to be as a civil-rights activist; and

6 WHEREAS, Since the age of 13, when Mr. Monteiro heard Dr. Martin Luther King's "I
7 Have a Dream" speech at the 1963 March on Washington, he has devoted his amazing energy and
8 talents to establishing, promoting, and guaranteeing fair treatment and equal opportunities for
9 those who have been encumbered in the social and economic disadvantages of racism and
10 prejudice; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Monteiro marched in Selma, Alabama, with the Rev. Martin Luther
12 King, Jr., helped feed Southern sharecroppers kicked off farms for registering to vote, became a
13 leader in the Rhode Island chapter of the old Congress of Racial Equality, and led the Providence
14 branch of the NAACP for 10 years. He was one of the four founding fathers of the Opportunities
15 Industrialization Center (OIC) of Rhode Island, that helps the minority community to find and
16 keep meaningful jobs, and led to the establishment of the R.I. Black Heritage Society, which
17 arose from the OIC's efforts; and

18 WHEREAS, Earning a plethora of awards and honors, Mr. Monteiro received the Rev.
19 Leon H. Sullivan Award, which is named after the founder of the national Opportunities
20 Industrialization movement, and was the first recipient of the first award given at the first Black

1 History Month Commemoration Breakfast. He is also the recipient of an honorary degree from
2 Roger Williams University on May 18, 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, From staging sleep-ins, marches and rallies to pushing for diversity in the
4 state judiciary and law enforcement agencies to working alongside Dr. Martin Luther King,
5 Clifford Monteiro has spent most of his inspiring lifetime providing hope and opportunity for
6 people of color; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby honors and thanks civil rights leader Clifford R. Monteiro and
9 wishes him good health and success in all his noble endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Clifford R. Monteiro.

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