

**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Wednesday, March 7, 2007 and is called to order at 4:22 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable William J. Murphy, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 70 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT - 70:** The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Amaral, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Caprio, Carter, Church, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, Dennigan, DeSimone, Diaz, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Gorham, Handy, Jackson, Jacquard, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Lewiss, Lima, Long, Loughlin, Malik, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Moffitt, Mumford, Naughton, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Picard, Rice, Rose, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shanley, Silva, Singleton, Slater, Smith, Story, Sullivan, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

**ABSENT - 5:** Representatives Crowley, Flaherty, Ginaitt, McManus, Scott.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Representative Palumbo who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Tuesday, March 6, 2007 is approved as printed.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Representative Kennedy, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**Senate Bill No. 780****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT TO VACATE FOR THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE CHARTER OF VIEIRA MARINE CONSTRUCTION, INC. {LC1244/1}

03/07/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

Representative Lally, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Resolution No. 5640****BY** Palumbo**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF SEX OFFENDER LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2200/1}

03/07/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5631****BY** McManus**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Savanna Marie Torres and Justin James Hanson) {LC2218/1}

03/07/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5523****BY** Kennedy**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS (allow the town of Hopkinton to establish a municipal court) {LC120/1}

03/07/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5390****BY** Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE (authorize former probate judges in this state to solemnize marriages in this state) {LC1230/1}

03/07/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5184****BY** Fox**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES (join Katherine Broomfield and Anthony DÆImperio) {LC861/1}

03/07/2007 Placed on House Calendar

**NEW BUSINESS****House Bill No. 6104****BY** Pacheco, Church, Walsh, Shanley, Lewiss**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF PLATES (authorize the department of transportation, division of motor vehicles to issue firefighter license plates to volunteer firefighters) {LC2473/1}

03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Constituent Services

**House Bill No. 6105****BY** Pacheco, Church, Walsh, Shanley, Lewiss**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT (include volunteer firefighters in the class of persons eligible to receive a lifesaving medal) {LC2474/1}

03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Constituent Services

**House Bill No. 6106****BY** Trillo, Loughlin**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (limit the liability of property owners with respect to lead poisoning) {LC1050/1}

03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6107****BY** Trillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (suspend enforcement of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act until further action by the general assembly) {LC1047/1}

03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6108****BY** Shanley, Jacquard, Carter, Lally, Petrarca**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - PUBLIC UTILITIES - ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION WIRES (require that any public utility that performs work on or near any electricity have their work checked by the electric transmission company to make sure the wires and associated devices are left in safe condition) {LC2470/1}

03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6109****BY** Trillo, Long**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION (impose a user fee of 10% of the gross revenue on owners of billboards located on interstate highways or connectors) {LC1202/1}  
03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 6110****BY** Trillo, Story, Long**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- ORGANIZATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY (prohibit members of the general assembly holding a leadership position from doing business or entering into a contract with the state of Rhode Island) {LC1051/1}  
03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 6111****BY** Trillo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (terminate the existence of the Quonset development corporation and would transfer the responsibility for management of the facility back to the economic development corporation) {LC2094/1}  
03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 6112****BY** Pacheco, Church, Gallison, Shanley, Long**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - - RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (confer the same medical and other benefits to volunteer fire fighters and volunteer emergency medical technicians as that of paid fire fighters and paid emergency medical technicians) {LC2476/1}  
03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Finance**House Bill No. 6113****BY** Trillo, Ehrhardt, Story, Long, Singleton**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARD (require children to meet at least a third grade English skill standard before promotion beyond grade 5) {LC2092/1}  
03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 6114****BY** Shanley, Jacquard, Carter, Lally**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT (required all fire trucks, ladders and fire fighting apparatus to be equipped with high sensitivity voltage detectors) {LC2469/1}  
03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.

**House Bill No. 6115****BY** Trillo, Lima, Long**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (increase the fine for cruelty to animals to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and make the section apply to all persons age fourteen (14) and over) {LC1044/1} 03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House H.E.W.**House Bill No. 6116****BY** Pacheco, Church, Shanley, Gallison, Long**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CITIES AND TOWNS -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (afford volunteer firefighters the same protections as paid firefighters for criminal acts perpetrated against them as a firefighter/same immunity from liability for acts performed as a volunteer firefighter) {LC2472/1}

03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

**House Bill No. 6117****BY** Shanley, Rice, Carter, Walsh, Lewiss**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION (limit the valuation of farm land and other real and tangible property associated with the agricultural operations on such farmlands to \$2,500,000 for imposition of taxes by the state upon transfer of the estates of decedent farmers) {LC2471/1}

03/07/2007 Introduced, referred to House Finance

**House Resolution No. 6118****BY** Williamson, Sullivan, Murphy, Carter, Caprio D**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MIKAELA JORDAN ON BEING NAMED "MISS IRELAND" BY THE FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK {LC2523/1}

Representative Williamson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Williamson seconded by Representatives Serpa, Sullivan and O'Neill by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

(For content of this resolution see appendix of this journal.)

**House Resolution No. 6119****BY** Sullivan, Moffitt, Williamson, Serpa, Murphy**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE COVENTRY RAMS SENIOR MIDGET FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 1-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP {LC2103/1}

Representative Sullivan requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Sullivan seconded by Representatives Moffitt, Williamson, Serpa, Gorham and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6120**

**BY** Gemma, Coderre E, Church

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING MEAGHAN SPILLANE ON BEING NAMED ONE OF THE TOP TWO YOUTH VOLUNTEERS IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC2505/1}

Representative Gemma requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Gemma seconded by Representatives Naughton, Carter and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**House Resolution No. 6121**

**BY** Brien, Picard, Baldelli-Hunt, Menard, Church

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CLEM LABINE {LC2589/1}

Representative Brien requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Brien seconded by Representatives Baldelli-Hunt, Picard, Singleton and many other members of the House by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**RULE 17**

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 17:**

Representative Church-An Act relating to Health and Safety

Representative Coderre-An Act relating to Taxation

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Representative Naughton-An Act relating to Labor

Representative Naughton-An Act relating to Education

Representative Lewiss-An Act relating to Elections

Representative Palumbo-An Act relating to Health and Safety

Representative Palumbo-An Act relating to Criminal Offenses

Representative Naughton-An Act relating to Personal Income Tax

Representative Rice-An Act relating to Criminal Procedure

Representative Petrarca-An Act relating to Businesses and Professions

Representative Palumbo-An Act relating to Education

Representative Singleton-An Act relating to Education

Representative Moffitt-An Act relating to Motor Vehicles

Representative Palumbo-An Act relating to Domestic Relations

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 258**

**BY** Tassoni, Walaska, Blais

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (extend the expiration date of the Housing Act of 2004 Implementation Oversight Commission to March 31, 2009) {LC1336/1}

03/07/2007 Referred to House Corporations

**Senate Bill No. 91**

**BY** Fogarty P, Levesque C, Connors, Gallo

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 3 AND 4 OF CHAPTER 905 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1912, **ENTITLED** "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CHEPACHET FIRE DISTRICT, " AS AMENDED {LC497/1}

03/07/2007 Referred to House Municipal Government

**Senate Bill No. 135**

**BY** Algieri, Breene

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES IN THE TOWN CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED CHARLESTOWN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES THEREFOR {LC166/1}

03/07/2007 Referred to House Municipal Government

**Senate Bill No. 180****BY** Felag

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (require that new lots created in the town of Warren after the assessment date be assessed and prorated as of the date of approval by the planning board) {LC898/1} 03/07/2007 Referred to House Municipal Government

**CALENDAR**

From the Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007:****1 2007-H 5081 SUB A****BY** Lima

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- CONTRACTORS REGISTRATION

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Representative Lima moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Gallison, Rice, Gemma, Moffitt, Corvese, Handy, Melo, Diaz, Slater, Coderre and Petrarca.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Almeida, Amaral, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Caprio, Church, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, Dennigan, DeSimone, Diaz, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Handy, Jackson, Jacquard, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, Long, Loughlin, Malik, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Moffitt, Mumford, Naughton, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Picard, Rice, Rose, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shanley, Silva, Singleton, Slater, Story, Sullivan, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasyluk, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS - 1: Representative Gorham.

**REQUESTS**

Representatives Ajello, Carter and Williams request the journal to reflect that if they had voted on (07-H 5081 SUB A), they would have voted in the affirmative.



**2 2007-H 5114****BY Fox****ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Representative Costantino moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Fox, Lima, Naughton, Savage, Church, Ajello, Long, Mumford, Loughlin, McNamara, Corvese, Diaz, Coderre, Moffitt, Story, Ehrhardt, Lewiss, Almeida, Dennigan, Rose and Slater.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 62 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 62: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Caprio, Carter, Church, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, Dennigan, Diaz, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Gorham, Handy, Jackson, Jacquard, Kennedy, Lally, Lewiss, Lima, Long, Loughlin, Malik, Mattiello, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Moffitt, Mumford, Naughton, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Picard, Rice, Rose, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shanley, Silva, Singleton, Slater, Story, Sullivan, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Watson, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS - 0.

**REQUEST**

Representative Williams requests the journal to reflect that if she had voted on (07-H 5114), she would have voted in the affirmative.

**3 2007-H 5227****BY Savage****ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT OF FORTY PERCENT (40%) FEDERAL FUNDING IN ITS REAUTHORIZATION OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (20 U.S.C. 1400 ET SEQ.)**

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

Representative Savage moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representatives Watson, Rose, Dennigan, Malik, Corvese, Story, Amaral, McCauley, Church, Naughton, Walsh, Coderre, McNamara, Long, Mumford, Loughlin, Picard, Kennedy, DeSimone, Palumbo, Gemma, Rice, Giannini, Serpa, Melo, Pacheco, Ajello and Handy.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Amaral, Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, Caprio, Carter, Church, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, Dennigan, DeSimone, Diaz, Ehrhardt, Fellela, Fox, Gablinske, Gallison, Gemma, Giannini, Gorham, Handy, Jackson, Jacquard, Kennedy, Lally, Lima, Long, Loughlin, Malik, Mattiello, McCauley, McNamara, Melo, Menard, Mumford, Naughton, O'Neill, Pacheco, Palumbo, Petrarca, Picard, Rice, Rose, Savage, Schadone, Segal, Serpa, Shanley, Silva, Singleton, Slater, Story, Sullivan, Trillo, Ucci, Vaudreuil, Walsh, Wasylyk, Watson, Williamson, Winfield.

NAYS - 0.

#### **REQUEST**

Representative Williams requests the journal to reflect that if she had voted on (07-H 5227), she would have voted in the affirmative.

#### **TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent, all matters on the Clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State, forthwith.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Giannini announces that the Committee on Constituent Services will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Representative Lally announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 205 of the State House.

Representative Diaz announces that the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 135 of the State House

Representative Pacheco announces that the Committee on Municipal Government will meet at the rise of the House, in Room 201 of the State House.

Representative Shanley announces that the Committee on Finance will continue its hearing at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

#### **GUESTS**

Representative Williamson welcomes to the House Chamber as guests Mikaela Jordan, Miss Ireland 2007 from the Friendly Sons of Italy in West Warwick, along with her parents Michael and Mary Beth Jordan; Michael O'Connell, Parade Chairman and Timothy O'Connell, President of the Friendly Sons of Italy. The Speaker also congratulates Miss Ireland.

Representative Rice welcomes to the House as guests Gary Crosby, Assistant Town Planner and Bob Hamilton, member of the Economic Development Committee both are from the town of Portsmouth.

At 4:32 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker yields the rostrum to Representatives Sullivan, Moffitt, Gorham, Williamson and Serpa.

By unanimous consent, Representative Sullivan addresses the members of the House and welcomes to the House the Coventry Rams Senior Midget 2007 National Football Team Champions.

Representative Sullivan, along with Representatives Moffitt, Serpa, Gorham and Williamson congratulates the team and presents citations to the Champions as follows: Denzel Palmer, Evan Chaffey, Michael Peiczarka, Corey Higgins, Joshua Peck, Marcus O'Neill, Joshua Matteson, Daniel Ferdinandi, Daniel DiPrete, Jonathan Ruest, Shawn Almeida, Kenneth Hanson, Michael Palmiere, Keith Costello, Tyree Andrews, Geoff Powers, Jonathan Mahoney, Slobodan Veskovic, Justin Hallas, Mark Vargas, Benjamin Barrett, Joshua Anderson, Mark Brinkman, Head Coach and League President-Ken Cloutier, Assistant Coaches-Geoff Powers, Jonathan Ruest, Dane Laboissoniere, Enrique Vargas; Coach Trainee-Eric Cloutier; Team Mom-Deb Mahoney; Equipment Manger-Glen Anderson; Trainer-Bev Cloutier;.

At 4:39 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker returns to the rostrum.

#### CONDOLENCES

Minority Leader Watson and Majority Leader Fox extend condolences to Governor Carcieri and his family on the passing of Marguerite Carcieri, mother of Governor Donald Carcieri.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 5:02 o'clock P.M. on motion of Minority Leader Watson, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Marquerite Carcieri, mother of Governor Donald Carcieri; on motion of Representatives Brien, Baldelli-Hunt, Picard, Coderre and Singleton, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Clem Labine; on motion of Representative Jackson and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Charles A. Deveau; seconded by Representatives Fox and Gorham the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

**Linda M. McElroy**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX**

**INVOCATION**

**REPRESENTATIVE PETER G. PALUMBO**

Lord, we have been sent to these positions of responsibility by the people. Make us mindful that we are their servants. Give us the wisdom and energy to serve them honestly and well. Amen.

## APPENDIX

## CALENDAR

## IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007:

**1 2007-H 5640****BY Palumbo****ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF SEX OFFENDER LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**2 2007-H 5631****BY McManus****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**3 2007-H 5523****BY Kennedy****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**4 2007-H 5390****BY Lally****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**5 2007-H 5184****BY Fox****ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**6 2007-S 780**

**BY Sosnowski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT TO VACATE FOR THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION  
OF THE CHARTER OF VIEIRA MARINE CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

***Francis P. McCabe***  
***Clerk of the House***

**Wednesday, March 7, 2007**

## APPENDIX

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## S T A T E O F R H O D E I S L A N D

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2007

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

CONGRATULATING MIKAELA JORDAN ON BEING NAMED "MISS IRELAND" BY THE  
FRIENDLY SONS OF ST. PATRICK

Introduced By: Representatives Williamson, Sullivan, Murphy, Carter, and D Caprio

Date Introduced: March 07, 2007

Referred To: House read and passed

WHEREAS, The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick support and promote Irish heritage and culture. Mikaela Jordan, a bonnie lass with a beguiling twinkle in her eyes, has been elected "Miss Ireland" for 2007 by the Friendly Sons; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jordan was crowned "Miss Ireland" at the Friendly Sons banquet held on Saturday, March 3, in Coventry. In addition, she will be featured on a float, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, with members of her court; and

WHEREAS, A senior at West Warwick Senior High School, Ms. Jordan has maintained academic excellence, and has been a stand out athlete. She is currently ranked a very impressive 17 out of 211 in her class and has a GPA of 4.01. She has played soccer, basketball, and fast pitch softball. She is a member of the Spanish Club, the school Concert & Jazz Bands, the Social Committee, the Ski Club, and the Bowling League; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her academics, sports and club associations, Mikaela works as a Page for the House of Representatives and is on the waitstaff of AJ's Restaurant. She also volunteers her time and energy to countless community organizations, including serving as a lector at SS. Peter and Paul Church and a reading tutor, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, Mikaela Jordan is an outstanding young lady, who has already accumulated a plethora of awards in her short lifetime. She has attained honors for her efforts in athletics, academics and activities within the community, and we are proud to congratulate and recognize her dazzling record of accomplishments; now, therefore be it Providence Plantations hereby joins the fine organization, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, in celebrating Mikaela Jordan being named "Miss Ireland." May the eternal enchantment of the Emerald Isle infuse the life of this lovely colleen and hold her under its gentle spell all the days of her life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mikaela Jordan.

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