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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

CONGRATULATING DR. JOSEPH J. BOX ON RECEIVING THE "GOOD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" AWARD BY THE RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, JP O'Neill, San Bento, and E Coderre

Date Introduced: May 05, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Joseph J. Box, a native Rhode Islander, has received the prestigious
2 honor of being named the "Good Citizen of the Year" by the Rhode Island Dental Association
3 (RIDA); and

4 WHEREAS, RIDA is a professional organization of Rhode Island dentists "dedicated to
5 the service of the public and advancement of the profession through education, advocacy, and
6 member services." The organization chose Dr. Box as this year's recipient of the "Good Citizen
7 of the Year" award for his passionate commitment to generously providing and always improving
8 "the art and science of dentistry"; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Box graduated Cum Laude from Providence College and received his
10 Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from St. Louis University. He served his country with valor as a
11 field corpsman with the United States Marines and later with the Navy at the Dental Dispensary
12 at Pearl Harbor and aboard the USS Yosemite. He also served as the Chief Dental Surgeon with
13 the Rhode Island Air National Guard for thirty-two years, retiring as a Lt. Colonel; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1956, Dr. Box became a member of the Rhode Island and American
15 Dental Associations, and soon thereafter established a private practice in Pawtucket. As his
16 practice flourished, Dr. Box began to give back to the community utilizing not only his
17 professional skills and services, but oftentimes his own personal finances; and

18 WHEREAS, Serving as a volunteer dentist with the Rhode Island San Lucas Health
19 Team, Dr. Box provided the Mayan Indians in San Lucas, Toliman, Solala, and Guatemala with

1 dental services and found the resources to supply enough dental supplies and equipment to staff a
2 3-chair dental clinic in San Lucas, Toliman; and

3 WHEREAS, For almost forty years, Dr. Box has served as a member, and is a past
4 Chairman, of the Rhode Island Board of Dental Examiners. He has also served as President of the
5 Rhode Island Dental Association and the Pawtucket Dental Association, as well as served as a
6 member of a panoply of additional professional and civic associations; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Box has authored various dental health publications and has earned
8 numerous honors, including the Prosthetic Award, being named Outstanding Medical Officer, and
9 earning the Meritorious Service Ribbon; and

10 WHEREAS, Always one to give back to the community, both professionally and in his
11 personal life, Dr. Joseph Box has helped bring brighter and healthier smiles to thousands and he is
12 well deserving of our utmost admiration and gratitude; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
14 Providence Plantations hereby honors and applauds Dr. Joseph J. Box on receiving the "Good
15 Citizen of the Year" Award by the Rhode Island Dental Association. We commend him for his
16 extraordinary achievements and contributions, and wish him continued health, happiness, and
17 success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Joseph J. Box.

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