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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

**HONORING FRANCIS GOLET, PH.D., ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER ALMOST 38
YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives M Rice, Schadone, Naughton, Ehrhardt, and Walsh

Date Introduced: June 08, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In 1967, Francis "Frank" Golet graduated from Brown University with a
2 Bachelor's degree in Geology. He continued his education, attaining his Master's degree in
3 Wildlife Science at Cornell University, and his Ph.D. in Wildlife Biology from the University of
4 Massachusetts at Amherst in 1973; and

5 WHEREAS, To the very good fortune of many a student, Frank began his compassionate
6 and dedicated career at the University of Rhode Island in October of 1972. His insights and
7 talents caused him to assume greater responsibilities at URI and earned him the regard of his
8 peers. In 1978, URI appointed him as an Associate Professor, in 1991, he was named a Full
9 Professor, and in 1997, he became Director of Natural Resources Science Graduate Studies; and

10 WHEREAS, During his time at URI, Frank's passion for teaching resulted in tremendous
11 strides in the educational experience of the young men and women at the University. The wetland
12 science and management series of courses that Frank has taught since the mid 70's represent the
13 most comprehensive collegiate training available to students in the field; and

14 WHEREAS, Always going above and beyond what was expected of him, Frank follows
15 his students through commencement, assisting them with placements in wetland positions once
16 they've graduated. Over the past four years, he has assisted 21 students and has an amazing
17 career-long total of helping 161 students to find careers with federal agencies, state and regional
18 offices, and various other governmental and nongovernmental organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, Highly respected in the field, Frank has earned a plethora of honors and

1 awards, including the National Wetlands Award from the Environmental Law Institute in 2004,
2 the Legacy Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 2005, and the Distinguished
3 Alumnus Award from the University of Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources
4 Conservation in 2005, and he was honored with the Teaching Excellence Award from the URI
5 Foundation in 2009, to name just a few; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to teaching at the University, Frank is also highly published,
7 conducts research, and contributes his time and talents to the community and a myriad of boards
8 and commissions. His book, "Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United
9 States," has been has been cited in over 2,500 publications. In addition, he is a member, advisor,
10 and/or sits on the Board of Directors or Board of Trustees for the Audubon society of Rhode
11 Island, the Rhode Island Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, RIDEM Wetlands Monitoring and
12 Assessment Program, the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, the Scientific
13 Advisory Committee, and the Ad Hoc Mapping and Biodiversity Monitoring Committees. He
14 was also the external reviewer for the Revised Freshwater Wetlands Rules and Regulations for
15 Rhode Island; and

16 WHEREAS, By virtue of his extraordinary efforts and accomplishments, Frank Golet
17 leaves a legacy of outstanding conservation and altruistic protection of our environment that will
18 ultimately benefit many future generations, and he serves as an exceptional role model for all our
19 educational leaders; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
21 Providence Plantations hereby honors and commends Francis Golet, Ph.D., on his retirement after
22 almost 38 years of devoted service to generations of young students at the University of Rhode
23 Island. We furthermore thank him for all his efforts and wish him good health, fulfillment, and
24 much success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
26 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Francis Golet, Ph.D.

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