

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING WILLIAM TURNER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Senators Pinga, Tassoni, Raptakis, Ciccone, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: May 19, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, William “Bill” Turner originally hailed from Providence, Rhode Island, the  
2 second of three children born to Richard and Marion Turner. At the age of one, Bill moved with  
3 his family to Warwick and was later enrolled in the public school system; and

4 WHEREAS, There is an old proverb, “From humble beginnings come great things.”  
5 William Turner had a rather rocky start with education: a few years short of his high school  
6 graduation he was asked to leave high school, and not return. He knew immediately that he had  
7 made a colossal mistake, but he also knew that one day he would succeed; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill began working in residential construction. In 1964, he enlisted in the  
9 Rhode Island Army National Guard, 243<sup>rd</sup> Combat Engineer Battalion and served for the next six  
10 years; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1966, Bill was sworn into Steamfitters Local 476. He began what would  
12 become an inspiring and dedicated forty-five year career with a five-year apprenticeship. He also  
13 married the love of his life, Madonna, in September of that year, beginning a forty-four year  
14 partnership that also inspires and endures. He and his wife are the proud parents of John,  
15 Kathleen, and Brandon, and have been blessed with five grandchildren, John, Leah, Jayna,  
16 Devyn, and Rachel, and one great grandchild, Jarred; and

17 WHEREAS, From an Apprentice Instructor to the International Representative at the  
18 United Association 2001 Convention, Bill has demonstrated commitment and dedication to his  
19 profession and to the men and women of Local 476, and later Local 51. He attained his high  
20 school diploma while serving on active duty, and in 1992, graduated from the Community

1 College of Rhode Island; and

2 WHEREAS, William Turner is truly an extraordinary man who serves as a model of hard  
3 work and conscientious service, and he is enormously worthy of our respect and  
4 acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
6 hereby recognizes and congratulates William Turner on the occasion of his retirement after  
7 almost forty-five years of steadfast service in the Pipe Trades. We wish him good health,  
8 fulfillment, and continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. William Turner.

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