

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING DUNCAN C. SPEEL ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE  
WOONSOCKET HOUSING AUTHORITY AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS  
OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WOONSOCKET**

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: March 17, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Duncan C. Speel graduated from the Wentworth Institute with an  
2 Associate's degree in Applied Science, and the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor of  
3 Science degree in Public Administration. Mr. Speel served our nation with honor and integrity in  
4 the military during the Vietnam era; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Speel began his distinguished public service career more than thirty-  
6 eight years ago, on September 20, 1976, when he was hired by the Woonsocket Housing  
7 Authority. From his first day on the job, his colleagues and superiors noticed his attention to  
8 detail, his tireless work ethic and his innovative approach to problem solving. As a result, he  
9 began to rise in the ranks, culminating with his promotion to the position of Deputy Director; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Speel participated in numerous training programs throughout his career  
11 including, those offered by the Institute for Real Estate Management, the National Association of  
12 Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), The National Center for Housing Management  
13 (NCHM) and with Nan McKay & Associates. All of this training allowed Mr. Speel to gather an  
14 immense amount of knowledge regarding Real Estate and Housing issues, and enabled him to  
15 establish a highly regarded preventative maintenance program for all of the Woonsocket Housing  
16 Authority's property and equipment. The establishment of this program has kept the Woonsocket  
17 Housing Authority's properties in better shape than most other public housing authorities across  
18 the nation; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Speel has served as the Woonsocket Housing Authority's Acting

1 Executive Director several times over his exemplary career and in this capacity, he was an  
2 instrumental component in the establishment and development of the Woonsocket Housing  
3 Authority's St. Germain Assisted Living facility; and

4 WHEREAS, Duncan Speel is an active parishioner at St. James Church in Woonsocket.  
5 He and his wife Jeanne live in Blackstone, Massachusetts, and they enjoy spending time with  
6 their two grown children and four grandchildren; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
8 hereby congratulates Mr. Duncan C. Speel on his retirement from the Woonsocket Housing  
9 Authority after more than thirty-eight years of distinguished and dedicated service to the citizens  
10 of Woonsocket; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Duncan C. Speel.

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