

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING BRAD READ ON HIS 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAIL NEWPORT, INC.

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Tanzi, Fenton-Fung, Ajello, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: February 14, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Brad Read, the Executive Director of Sail Newport, grew up in Seekonk and
2 sailed out of the Barrington Yacht Club as a youngster. He was a three-time College Sailing All-
3 American from Boston University and was named the 1986 Collegiate Sailor of the Year. In his
4 distinguished sailing career, he is an 8-time World or North American champion as a helmsman
5 and has won a dozen East Coast and National Championships; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Read has worked as an afterguard on numerous racing yachts and also
7 worked as the one-design sales and service manager at North Sails Media. He is a frequent guest
8 speaker and interviewee with the local and trade press, and has served as a Guest Editor for
9 Sailing World Magazine since 1994; and

10 WHEREAS, For the last twenty-five years, Mr. Read served as the Executive Director of
11 Sail Newport, where he guides and directs the nonprofit organization that is dedicated to ensuring
12 public access to the sport of sailing by providing custom programs for schools and municipal
13 organizations, all for adults and youngsters benefit; and

14 WHEREAS, Under Director Read's leadership, Sail Newport also manages numerous
15 local, regional and international regattas. He led the team that won the Newport and Rhode Island
16 bid to bring the Volvo Ocean Race to Newport in 2015, with Newport being the only North
17 American stop in that race. Thanks to the overwhelming success of the race in Newport, it made a
18 return visit here for the 2017-2018 race; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Read's additional accomplishments include raising funding for Sail

1 Newport's scholarship and financial aid programs for community families, and thanks to his
2 tireless work ethic and sterling reputation for integrity, Sail Newport was recently selected to be a
3 recipient of a \$500,000 grant from the Van Beuren Charitable Foundation, which will support a
4 new education and recreation facility at Fort Adams State Park; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
6 congratulates Brad Read on his 25th Anniversary as the Executive Director of Sail Newport. We
7 thank him for all he has done for the sport of sailing, and all he has contributed to the economic
8 vibrancy of both Newport and the State of Rhode Island. We wish him many more successful
9 years at the helm of Sail Newport; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Brad Read, Executive Director of Sail
12 Newport, Inc.

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