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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,500,000 TO THE HAUS OF CODEC

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Caldwell, Biah, Tanzi, Kislak, Cruz, Felix,
Speakman, Carson, and Alzate

Date Introduced: February 22, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, Haus of Codec opened in December of 2021 as the first and only LGBTQ+
2 Emergency Transitional Housing Program for young adults aged 18-24 in the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, Haus of Codec provides a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth, across all of
4 Rhode Island, to call home and help them find their own, more permanent housing solutions and
5 workforce development opportunities; and

6 WHEREAS, The shelter space hosts a food and clothing pantry, a self-service kitchen, a
7 shared bathroom, access to essential services through partner providers, and a sense of
8 community where there wasn't one before; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition, Haus of Codec hosts community LGBTQ+ Resource Fair & Art
10 Marketplace at Dexter Park in Providence, RI for Queer and BIPOC artists and local community
11 organizations to raise funds for Haus of Codec programming; and

12 WHEREAS, The organization is one hundred percent (100%) staffed by volunteers, is
13 community funded, and offers wraparound services including workforce training, mental health
14 support, creative art programs, and daily nutrition; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
16 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2023-2024, the sum of two million five hundred
17 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the Haus of Codec to assist its efforts and services to the
18 LGBTQ+ community; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his
19 orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from

1 time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of two million five hundred
2 thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the Haus of Codec to support unhoused members of the
3 LGBTQ+ community through transitional housing, workforce training, mental health support,
4 and daily nutrition.

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