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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF
BEACON CHARTER SCHOOLS IN 2003

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, Phillips, J. Brien, Rea, Casey, Fenton-Fung,
Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Corvese, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: May 16, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Beacon Charter Schools were founded in 2003 with the purpose of
2 providing students from across Rhode Island with an arts-focused educational experience.
3 Beacon's mission is to "develop artistic thinkers by nurturing self-expression while preparing our
4 graduates with the academic skills necessary for sustained post-secondary success"; and

5 WHEREAS, Beacon students learn about the theatre, visual, and culinary arts. In the
6 theatre arts program, they are provided with enriching and engaging opportunities to learn about
7 all elements of the theatre, both on stage and off stage. They also explore the literature, history,
8 cultural significance, and theories behind theatre and its great works; and

9 WHEREAS, In the Beacon visual arts program, students explore the different forms of
10 media, and collaborate on projects in which critical thinking, creativity and communication are
11 key to success. All of these skills drive innovation in society and mastering them is an important
12 expertise to have in order to successfully navigate the professional world of today and tomorrow;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The culinary arts program at Beacon offers a comprehensive curriculum and
15 training program to prepare its students for all aspects of the food industry from quantity food
16 preparation to the art of making fine pastry. In the school's shop, all classical and modern
17 cooking and food preparation techniques are taught with topics covering American regional and a
18 variety of international cuisines. Students also learn about the retail and wholesale marketing of
19 prepared foods, and are trained to operate all modern kitchen equipment found in commercial

1 kitchens; and

2 WHEREAS, Since 2003, the many dedicated teachers, staff members and administrators
3 at Beacon Charter Schools have prepared hundreds of students from throughout the State of
4 Rhode Island with the necessary academic, artistic and technical skills to thrive as they navigate
5 their postsecondary lives; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 recognizes and celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the founding of Beacon Charter Schools in
8 2003; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Michael Skeldon, Superintendent, Beacon
11 Charter Schools.

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