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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND RECOGNIZING VICKI VIRGILIO ON THE OCCASION OF
HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-FIVE YEARS WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT
OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION 1033

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Shekarchi, Blazjewski, Chippendale, and
Felix

Date Introduced: June 15, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, As a young girl, Vicki Virgilio would follow her dad, Joe Virgilio, to
2 various Local Union 1033 organizing meetings, union election campaigns, rallies, and
3 demonstrations, where she soon developed the desire to be involved and play an active role in the
4 struggle for worker's rights; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1978, Ms. Virgilio officially joined Local Union 1033, when she became
6 employed with the City of Providence as a Legal Secretary in the City Solicitor's Office; and

7 WHEREAS, In the late 1970s and early 1980s, Ms. Virgilio became the Union Steward
8 for Local 1033 and in unity with 1,000 fellow members of the Union, walked the picket lines in
9 several labor strikes for better working conditions and wages; and

10 WHEREAS, Proving her loyalty and ability, Ms. Virgilio was named Recording
11 Secretary for Local 1033 in 1986, as well as serving as a Trustee of the RI Public Employees'
12 Health Services Fund. In 1991, she decided to leave the City Solicitor's Office and took a new
13 position as Employee Benefits Coordinator in the Personnel Department for the City; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Virgilio continued as Recording Secretary for the Union until 1998,
15 when her father passed and she was named President of the Union. In addition, she served as a
16 Trustee for The RI Public Employees' Legal Services Fund for 25 years, and also worked with
17 The RI Public Employees' Training Fund from the time it was first created; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Virgilio was later appointed by then-General Secretary-Treasurer
19 Armand E. Sabitoni to serve on the Women's and Minority Caucus of the Laborers' International

1 Union of North America and was a Delegate to the RI Central Federated Council and The
2 Laborers' District Council; and

3 WHEREAS, For more than 45 years, Vicki Virgilio has been fighting for employees' job
4 protection, working conditions, benefits and fair wages. Her efforts and contributions helping
5 Rhode Island's working families is admirable and truly commendable; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 recognizes and congratulates Vicki Virgilio on her retirement after 45 years of dedication to the
8 members of Local Union 1033. We moreover wish her good health and much happiness in the
9 years to come; 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 Ms. Vicki Virgilio.

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