

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING SENATOR MICHAEL J. MCCAFFREY FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE
OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Ruggiero, Picard, Bell, McKenney, Rogers, de la Cruz,
Raptakis, Ujifusa, Gu, and F. Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 16, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, On September 13, 1994, in the Democratic Primary, and once again on
2 November 8, 1994, in the General election, the Honorable Michael J. McCaffrey received the
3 confidence of his constituents and was elected to the Rhode Island State Senate, representing
4 portions of the City of Warwick in former District 16, which is now District 29. He has since
5 been re-elected thirteen times, diligently serving the people of this State for almost three decades;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Michael McCaffrey graduated from Bishop Hendricken High School and
8 earned his Bachelor's degree in accounting from Providence College followed by his Juris Doctor
9 from Suffolk University Law School. He is the husband of Deirdre McCaffrey and the father of
10 Michael, Cailin, Brenna, and Dierdre; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator McCaffrey's astute legal erudition earned him the Chair of Senate
12 Judiciary from 2003 until 2017, at which time he was elected by his fellow Senators to the
13 position of Majority Leader on March 23, 2017; and

14 WHEREAS, As the Senate Majority Leader, the Honorable Michael McCaffrey is an Ex
15 Officio Member of all standing committees of the Senate. In addition, he has championed
16 numerous initiatives and legislation including enacting court reform measures, diversifying the
17 judiciary, and most recently, propelling the most progressive cannabis regulation system in the
18 country through the legislative process to final enactment; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his family and innumerable hours spent at the State House,

1 Senator McCaffrey is a successful practicing attorney. He maintains a private legal practice in
2 Warwick with his brother, James, and is a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association. He also
3 previously served as a Grand Knight for the Warwick Knights of Columbus; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator McCaffrey serves as a model of dedicated and conscientious civic
5 service, and has earned the respect and the gratitude of the citizens in his community and the
6 people of this State for making Rhode Island a better place to live and grow; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby honors Senator
8 Michael McCaffrey for his service to the people of this State and wishes him good health,
9 fulfillment, and continued success in all his future endeavors; 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 the Honorable Michael J. McCaffrey.

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