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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE HONORABLE HANNA M. GALLO ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CRANSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Pearson, Lombardo, F. Lombardi, Felag, Sosnowski, Picard, LaMountain, Lauria, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: June 15, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Hanna M. Gallo was born in Colorado Springs, but shortly  
2 thereafter moved to Rhode Island, and grew up in the City of Providence. At a young age, her  
3 parents very successfully instilled her with a tremendous work ethic and the desire to pursue  
4 higher education; and

5           WHEREAS, Senator Gallo attended a Catholic grammar school, St. Mary's Visitation  
6 High School, and earned a degree in Liberal Arts from the Community College of Rhode Island,  
7 and later attained a Business degree from CCRI. She and her husband, Russell, chose the Garden  
8 City neighborhood in Cranston to make their home and raise their daughters, Julie and Laura, and  
9 have lived there for 40 years; and

10           WHEREAS, A devoted mom, when one of the Gallo girls was born with a hearing  
11 impairment, Senator Gallo was inspired to pursue a degree in speech-language pathology. She  
12 returned to school, earning a Bachelor of Science in Communicative Disorders and a Master of  
13 Science in Speech Language from the University of Rhode Island; and

14           WHEREAS, Senator Gallo initially began her teaching career as a Speech Language  
15 Pathologist with the South Kingstown School Department in 1997, before joining the faculty of  
16 the Cranston School Department in 2005, where she has been a Speech Language Pathologist  
17 working with small groups of children in order to help them overcome speech impediments and  
18 improve their oral communication skills; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition, Senator Gallo's responsibilities as a SLP included organizing

1 and implementing therapy programs to meet the needs of the school's speech, language, and  
2 hearing-impaired students, and assisting students with a panoply of speech and language related  
3 challenges in order to enable them to meet performance standards; and

4 WHEREAS, For Senator Gallo, her family always came first, so teaching became her  
5 second career, and in January of 1999, she started her third job as a State Senator where she  
6 incorporated her knowledge of children and education in order to very effectively Chair the  
7 Senate Committee on Education for many years, and served on both the Board of Regents and  
8 Commission on Civic Education; and

9 WHEREAS, The Honorable Senator Gallo will be retiring from the Cranston School  
10 Department, but will certainly continue to shape education in our State. Her teaching skills and  
11 after-school programs have improved the educational experience and the lives of many young  
12 people throughout her twenty-five years in teaching; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Gallo's accomplishments in support of education and civic  
14 involvement have earned her numerous honors over the years including, a Distinguished Service  
15 Award for school construction, the Paul Crowley Award, an award for Civic Engagement, and  
16 induction into the Community College of Rhode Island Alumni Association's Society of the  
17 Knights, which is given to alumni who have been active as community leaders, attained personal  
18 and professional success, provided volunteer service to the college community and have brought  
19 honor upon themselves and the college, to name but a few; and

20 WHEREAS, The Cranston School system will be losing a valued teacher who has had a  
21 positive and rewarding influence on the lives of her students, but there is little doubt that the  
22 Honorable Hanna M. Gallo will continue to build a better educational system, a greener planet,  
23 and a brighter tomorrow for future generations of Rhode Islanders; now, therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates and  
25 thanks the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo as she retires from the Cranston School Department and  
26 wishes her continued success and much happiness; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
28 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Hanna M. Gallo.

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