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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA ANN FENTON-FUNG FOR HER SERVICE  
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Chippendale, Blazejewski, Roberts,  
Quattrocchi, Place, Nardone, Newberry, Rea, and Hull

Date Introduced: June 13, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, To the good fortune of the people of the City of Cranston, Barbara Ann  
2 Fenton-Fung chose a life path that would eventually lead to a vocation in public service. In  
3 November of 2020, she was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, representing  
4 District 15 and the people of Cranston; and

5           WHEREAS, Over the past four years, Representative Fenton-Fung has lent her expertise  
6 and unique insights to myriad legislative committees. Most recently, as a member of the House  
7 Health and Human Services Committee, House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,  
8 House Labor Committee, and the House Veterans' Affairs Committee; and

9           WHEREAS, As a strong voice for her constituency, Representative Fenton-Fung has  
10 sponsored and supported myriad bills including legislation requiring all official mail ballots to  
11 include a watermark for verification purposes, require women's representation on boards of  
12 publicly held corporations, continue the Rhode Island Hope Scholarship Pilot Program Act,  
13 provide tax credits for family caregivers, repeal the corporation minimum tax, develop and  
14 institute a Blue Envelope Program, establish family councils in managed residential communities  
15 in providing assisted living services, permit licensed healthcare facilities to suspend visits of  
16 persons who are verbally or physically berating staff or providing non-prescribed or illegal  
17 medications to patients, require that a health club must stop automatic deductions from the  
18 consumer's account, and require Asian American history and culture be taught in schools, to  
19 name but a few of her many efforts; and

1           WHEREAS, Highly respected, Representative Fenton-Fung was honored with the  
2 National Woman of Excellence Award from the National Foundation of Women Legislators, was  
3 selected for the 2021 Council of State Governments Eastern Leadership Fellowship, and has  
4 served on the Providence Committee on Foreign Relations and the Cranston Substance Abuse  
5 Task Force; and

6           WHEREAS, In addition to her long hours at the State House, she is currently employed  
7 as a physical therapist by Lifespan, and is married to Allan Fung, the former Mayor of Cranston.  
8 She received a Bachelor of Science degree in rehabilitation medicine from Northeastern  
9 University, an emergency management certificate from Auburn University, a Master’s of Science  
10 in physical therapy from Northeastern University, and a Master’s of Science in digital media  
11 management from Arkansas State University; and

12           WHEREAS, Representative Fenton-Fung's abiding leadership and outstanding services  
13 on behalf of the citizens of Rhode Island will long be praised, and we know that in all her future  
14 endeavors, she will continue to provide strong advocacy for all Rhode Islanders; now, therefore  
15 be it

16           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
17 joins the family and many friends of Representative Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung in recognizing and  
18 celebrating her inspirational career of service to the people of Rhode Island. We moreover, wish  
19 her continued success, happiness and fulfillment; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung.

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