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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING PATRICE WOOD'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY WORKING AS A  
DISTINGUISHED JOURNALIST SERVING THE RHODE ISLAND AND GREATER NEW  
ENGLAND COMMUNITY

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Chippendale,  
Ackerman, Corvese, Kennedy, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, and Boylan

Date Introduced: February 12, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Patrice Wood, born Holly Patrice Wood in a small farming community in  
2 Rockford, Ohio, reached an important milestone on February 4, 2025, when she completed her  
3 45th year as an award-winning and Hall of Fame journalist for WJAR NBC 10; and

4           WHEREAS, Patrice Wood graduated from Bowling Green State University with a  
5 Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism. Shortly thereafter, she began her distinguished  
6 journalism career when she accepted a position with WDHO-TV in Toledo, Ohio. She also served  
7 internships with ABC News, the United States House of Representatives, and Time Magazine;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Ms. Wood joined WJAR in February of 1980, and quickly established  
10 herself as a hard-working journalist who could be trusted at all times to provide her viewers with  
11 factual information along with the perspectives of all sides invested in any issue. Ms. Wood  
12 began her tenure at WJAR as a street reporter and was quickly promoted to work the weekend 11  
13 o'clock newscasts in 1982; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1988, Patrice Wood was selected to serve as the anchor of the 5:30 p.m.  
15 news edition, and added the 5:00 p.m. news period in 1995 as well as the 6:00 p.m. news report in  
16 1997. Patrice worked much of her tenure with longtime anchor Doug White, meteorologist Gary  
17 Ley and sportscaster Frank Carpano, a team that dominated the ratings in large part thanks to  
18 Patrice Wood's strong interviewing skills through which she conducted fascinating and  
19 illuminating interviews with famous personalities such as Oprah Winfrey and Mark Wahlberg;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Patrice Wood is the longest-serving female newscaster in Rhode Island  
3 history and today she anchors the 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 11 p.m., newscasts. In addition, Ms. Wood  
4 also serves as the education reporter for WJAR NBC 10, and her long-running Tuesday's Child  
5 special reports, featuring children in state care, have resulted in 60 percent of the children  
6 featured being matched with adoptive families; and

7 WHEREAS, Patrice Wood has received numerous honors and awards in recognition of  
8 her exemplary journalistic professional career. She is a member of the Rhode Island Heritage Hall  
9 of Fame, and the Rhode Island Radio and Television Hall of Fame. She also received the  
10 prestigious Silver Circle Award from the New England Chapter of the National Academy of  
11 Television Arts and Sciences, and was the recipient of the Congressional Angels in Adoption  
12 Award for her tireless advocacy on behalf of children in foster care; and

13 WHEREAS, Patrice Wood is married to Paul Pabis, who works as the Director of  
14 Operations and Engineering at WBZ-TV in Boston. Ms. Wood is the devoted mother of  
15 Stephanie and Jonathan, and is an ardent lover of Golden Retrievers; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
17 joyously celebrates legendary journalist Patrice Wood's 45th anniversary at WJAR NBC 10. We  
18 thank her for her highly skilled professionalism as a journalist as she keeps the Rhode Island  
19 citizenry informed and educated about the important issues of our time, and we thank her for her  
20 tireless work in support of children in foster care in Rhode Island; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Patrice Wood.

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