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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING JAMES R. HOYT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE BOYS &
GIRLS CLUB OF PAWTUCKET

Introduced By: Representatives Messier, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Felix, Furtado,
Stewart, Kazarian, Cruz, Chippendale, and Ajello
Date Introduced: May 15, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In 1976, upon graduation from Barrington College, Jim, as he is fondly
2 known, began what would become a long and celebrated career at the Boys & Girls Club of
3 Pawtucket as a part-time physical education staff member; and
4 WHEREAS, In 1977, Mr. Hoyt became the Club's aquatics director, and in 1979, he took
5 on the responsibilities of unit director. In 1990, Jim became director of operations. Ultimately in
6 2004, Jim was named CEO, a position he has held for more than two decades; and
7 WHEREAS, During his tenure at the helm, Mr. Hoyt is credited with expanding the
8 Club's programs in order to attract both boys and girls, which led to substantial increases in the
9 Club's attendance figures. In addition, he headed a very successful capital campaign that raised \$8
10 million to expand the Club's size, and is currently spearheading the preparations for the Club's
11 125th Anniversary celebration for 2025; and
12 WHEREAS, Also dedicated to the community, Mr. Hoyt has served on myriad boards
13 and committees including, the Northeast Training & Professional Development Advisory
14 Committee, was the founding President of the Ocean State Chapter, Association of Boys & Girls
15 Club Professionals, is a board member on the Pawtucket Riverfront Commission, The Pawtucket
16 Foundation, is an active member of the Pawtucket Lions Club, and has been a member of the
17 Blackstone Valley Community Action Program Board for more than 25 years, to name but a few;
18 and
19 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Hoyt has continuously been recognized and

1 honored for his devotion and tireless leadership. He was chosen as BGCA masters & mentor, was
2 awarded the Professional of the Year for the Northeast region, recognized as the Woodruff
3 Fellow from BGCA, was awarded the Professional Development Award of Excellence for BGCA
4 Training and Professional Development, recognized with the Blue Spirit Award for the Northeast
5 Region, is Certified as a Sherpa Executive Coach, and was inducted into the Pawtucket Hall of
6 Fame in 2022; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoyt will leave a legacy of commitment that has touched the lives and
8 hearts of so many young people and the community as a whole. He is an extraordinary gentleman
9 who serves as a model of dedicated and conscientious service, and he is enormously worthy of
10 our emulation and gratitude; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 congratulates and thanks James Hoyt on his retirement after 50 years of dedicated service with
13 the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket. We moreover wish him good health, much happiness and all
14 the best in his future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. James R. Hoyt.

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