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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING ANDREW SCHIFF ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY
FOOD BANK

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Diaz,
Tanzi, Ackerman, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, and Fogarty
Date Introduced: June 10, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Andrew Schiff, Chief Executive Officer of the Rhode Island Community
2 Food Bank, has devoted more than eighteen years of leadership and service dedicated to
3 distributing food and helping those in need in our State; and
4 WHEREAS, A non-profit organization, the Rhode Island Community Food Bank is the
5 central distribution hub for the statewide network of member services and currently distributes
6 18.3 million pounds of healthy, culturally relevant food to more than 84,400 Rhode Islanders
7 each month through its network of 147-member agencies, which includes pantries, meal sites,
8 senior programs and school programs; and
9 WHEREAS, During his tenure as CEO of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, Mr.
10 Schiff has doubled the amount of food distributed to people in need, and led his dedicated team
11 with humility, compassion and a strong vision of what was vital to the community he served; and
12 WHEREAS, For nearly two decades, Mr. Schiff has been an ardent and fierce advocate
13 for not only those struggling to keep food on the table, but also on issues affecting their lives
14 including raising the minimum wage, increasing Earned Income Tax Credit, and improving
15 access to Snap, WIC and school meals; and
16 WHEREAS, Mr. Schiff’s leadership successfully steered the Food Bank through the
17 pandemic, ensuring uninterrupted food distribution, establishing new relationships with various
18 under-resourced communities, and launching an annual Status Report of Hunger as a much-
19 needed source of information on food insecurity; and

1 WHEREAS, Although he will be deeply missed, Mr. Schiff has certainly earned a
2 retirement surrounded by his children, grandson and many friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Sir Winston Churchill was quoted as saying, “We make a living by what we
4 get, we make a life by what we give.” Andrew Schiff opened his heart and filled his life with
5 hard work and good deeds, and his devotion to those struggling and in need in Rhode Island has
6 distinguished him as a person worthy of our utmost admiration and gratitude; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
8 thanks and honors Andrew Schiff for his outstanding contributions to feeding and advocating for
9 our State’s most vulnerable. We furthermore wish him continued health, happiness, and success
10 in all his future endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Andrew Schiff.

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