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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING FRANK J. KARPINSKI ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-ONE  
YEARS OF HONORABLE SERVICE TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, TO THE  
STATE’S ACTIVE AND RETIRED PUBLIC SERVANTS, AND TO THE OFFICE OF THE  
GENERAL TREASURER

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Craven, Chippendale,  
Shallcross Smith, Tanzi, Ajello, Fellela, Felix, and Kennedy  
Date Introduced: June 12, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, A Rhode Island native, Frank J. Karpinski, has dedicated his career to  
2 public service; and  
3           WHEREAS, Frank began his career in state government for Treasurer Nancy Mayer in  
4 1994 as the Director of Finance for the Employees’ Retirement System of Rhode Island  
5 (“ERSRI”); and  
6           WHEREAS, Over the past three decades, Frank has faithfully served six Rhode Island  
7 General Treasurers, including Nancy Mayer, Paul J. Tavares, Frank T. Caprio, Gina Raimondo,  
8 Seth Magaziner, and most recently, James A. Diossa; and  
9           WHEREAS, During his long tenure in the Office of the General Treasurer, Frank has  
10 become an invaluable and irreplaceable member of ERSRI and the Treasurer’s Office; and  
11           WHEREAS, As Finance Director, Frank led the effort to modernize core financial  
12 systems and a multimillion-dollar computerization effort in order to bring the State’s retirement  
13 system into the modern age; and  
14           WHEREAS, In 2001, Treasurer Paul J. Tavares named Frank the Executive Director of  
15 ERSRI; and  
16           WHEREAS, As the head of the Employees’ State Retirement System, Frank shepherded  
17 the system through a period of financial instability and dramatic change that included two major  
18 reform efforts; and

1           WHEREAS, Thanks to Frank’s steady hand, ERSRI has made tremendous progress; and

2           WHEREAS, ERSRI is more responsibly funded and managed under Frank’s watch than  
3 it has been in decades, and he leaves ERSRI stronger, more transparent, and more member-  
4 focused than ever; and

5           WHEREAS, Frank is recognized by many across Rhode Island and the country as a pre-  
6 eminent expert in public pension administration and retirement; and

7           WHEREAS, Over the course of his distinguished career, Frank has been a respected  
8 member of the National Association of State Retirement Administrators, serving as Second Vice  
9 President, First Vice President, President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President; and

10          WHEREAS, A sharp-dressed bow-tie enthusiast, Frank’s daily presence will be missed at  
11 the Treasurer’s Office and monthly meetings of the Retirement Board; and

12          WHEREAS, Knowledgeable, caring, and personable, Frank is an exemplar of what it  
13 means to be a public servant; now, therefore be it

14          RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
15 honors and congratulates Frank J. Karpinski on the occasion of his retirement, and acknowledges  
16 his meritorious service to the State and his contributions to the retirement security of Rhode  
17 Island’s public servants; and be it further

18          RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Frank J. Karpinski.

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