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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$200,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND BLACK
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Stewart, Biah, Hull, J. Lombardi, Felix,
Giraldo, Alzate, Sanchez, and Ajello
Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Black Business Association (RIBBA) was formed in 2011
2 for the purposes of advancing business opportunities and vitality of Black-owned and minority
3 businesses in Rhode Island; and
4 WHEREAS, RIBBA assists those businesses through business development,
5 entrepreneurship training, business advocacy, contracting, workforce development, and access to
6 capital; and
7 WHEREAS, RIBBA’s membership includes those individuals and businesses of all sizes
8 regardless of ethnicity, race, gender, abilities, socioeconomic status, culture, sexual orientation,
9 and gender identity and the services and programs offered by RIBBA are open to all Rhode
10 Islanders; and
11 WHEREAS, The organization is one hundred percent (100%) funded through
12 government grants, corporate grants and public support; now, therefore be it
13 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of money in the treasury not
14 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2026-2027, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars
15 (\$200,000) to the Rhode Island Black Business Association to assist its efforts and services to
16 entrepreneurs, business owners, and employers in Rhode Island; and the state controller is hereby
17 authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum,
18 or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated

1 vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$200,000 to the Rhode
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- Island Black Business Association.

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