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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JAMES PARISI ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THREE DECADES
OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS A LOBBYIST FOR THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERATION
OF TEACHERS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Serpa,
Corvese, Bennett, Azzinaro, Ackerman, and McNamara

Date Introduced: February 10, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, For the last three decades, James Parisi has been a respected and
2 distinguished presence at the Rhode Island State House for the Rhode Island Federation of
3 Teachers and Health Professionals (RIFTHP), an organization of more than 10,000 members who
4 work as teachers, nurses and other health professionals, school-related personnel, higher
5 education faculty and staff, and state and municipal employees; and

6 WHEREAS, From the moment that Mr. Parisi accepted this position and its
7 responsibilities, he has worked tirelessly to inform and educate our elected officials about
8 concerns related to education, healthcare, labor issues, retirement, and pension-related matters.
9 He has been widely admired for his vast knowledge about these complex issues and for his
10 honesty and abiding integrity; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to his legislative duties and responsibilities, Mr. Parisi has also
12 served as a field representative for six different local unions in Rhode Island, where he provided
13 direct support and representation to his members. In all his endeavors, Mr. Parisi is well-known
14 for his friendly and collegial approach to discussions and negotiations, and for his ability and
15 willingness to work constructively with all parties on an issue. He has also been widely praised
16 for the breadth of his institutional knowledge and rigorous attention to detail, and he is considered
17 to be a trusted source of information and opinions on the vexing issues of the day; now, therefore
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby

1 expresses its deepest congratulations to Mr. James Parisi on his retirement as a lobbyist for the
2 Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals after three decades of
3 distinguished and meritorious service. We further wish him good health and continued success in
4 all future endeavors; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. James Parisi.

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