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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING R.J. HEIM UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
WJAR-TV NBC 10

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello,
Phillips, Santucci, Boylan, Read, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: April 30, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, R.J. Heim has concluded a distinguished and impactful broadcasting career
2 spanning more than three decades, including his tenure as Weekend Meteorologist and Weekday
3 Feature and Environmental Reporter at WJAR-TV NBC 10 in Providence; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his many years at NBC 10, Mr. Heim became a trusted and
5 familiar presence to viewers across Rhode Island and Southern New England, delivering accurate
6 weather forecasts, insightful environmental reporting, and engaging feature stories; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Heim's excellence in broadcasting was recognized with two New
8 England Emmy Awards for Outstanding Weathercaster, along with a third Emmy Award as part
9 of a newscast covering the aftermath of a major hurricane impacting Southern New England in
10 2021; and

11 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Mr. Heim reported on and forecasted numerous
12 significant events affecting the region, including the historic mid-1990s winters among the
13 snowiest on record, the local impacts of the September 11 attacks, and the tragic aftermath of the
14 Station Nightclub Fire; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Heim also provided memorable coverage of major environmental and
16 local stories, including the 1996 North Cape Oil Spill off Moonstone Beach, as well as in-depth
17 reporting on Rhode Island landmarks and history such as Rough Point, the Newport mansion of
18 Doris Duke; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to hard news and weather coverage, Mr. Heim brought creativity

1 and curiosity to his work through unique feature reporting, including his popular "Freaky Friday"
2 series exploring paranormal phenomena and local folklore, further endearing him to audiences;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Beyond his work at NBC 10, Mr. Heim has contributed to the broader
5 media landscape and now turns his attention to his creative endeavors, including his "Music
6 Through the Tunnel of Time" and "TV Through the Tunnel of Time" platforms; and

7 WHEREAS, After decades of dedicated service, professionalism, and storytelling, R.J.
8 Heim leaves behind a legacy of excellence in journalism and broadcasting in the Ocean State;
9 now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
11 honors and congratulates R.J. Heim on the occasion of his retirement from WJAR-TV NBC 10
12 and expresses its sincere gratitude for his many years of service to the people of Rhode Island and
13 Southern New England; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to R.J. Heim.

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