

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND THANKING WILLIAM F. FLYNN JR. MSW, FOR HIS THIRTEEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SENIOR AGENDA COALITION OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Speakman, Donovan, Craven, Serpa, Kislak, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: March 03, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, As Executive Director of the Senior Agenda Coalition of Rhode Island,
2 William Flynn Jr., has devoted all his considerable talents and energy to improving the lives and
3 livelihood of Rhode Island seniors for the past thirteen years; and

4 WHEREAS, The Senior Agenda Coalition of Rhode Island is a Domestic Nonprofit
5 Corporation whose purpose is "to collect and disseminate to the general public information about
6 policies, programs, and economic and social conditions affecting elderly residents of RI"; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Flynn received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Cum
8 Laude, from the Michigan School of Business Administration and a Master of Social Work
9 degree from the University of Michigan Graduate School of Social Work. In addition, he taught
10 classes at the Rhode Island College School of Social Work, and social work and public policy
11 courses at Salve Regina University and Roger Williams University; and

12 WHEREAS, In his capacity as Executive Director of the Senior Agenda Coalition of
13 Rhode Island, Mr. Flynn has diligently advocated, initiated, and testified for programs and
14 assistance that would develop, establish, and protect essential services including, senior centers,
15 Meals on Wheels, home and community-based care, respite care for caregivers, Medicaid non-
16 emergency medical transportation, and no-fare bus passes for the State's most vulnerable seniors;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Flynn was previously employed as a VISTA supervisor, the Director of
19 Advocacy and Public Policy for the Urban League, development director for nonprofit agencies

1 throughout New England, Director of Community Programs for the R.I. Community Food Bank,
2 and served for nine years as the Executive Director of the George Wiley Center; and

3 WHEREAS, In service to our country, community and professionally, Mr. Flynn
4 honorably served in the United States Navy Seabees, was the President of the Board of Directors
5 for the SER-Jobs for Progress, and is a member of the National Association of Social Workers;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Flynn will retire as Executive Director on February 28, 2022. He leaves
8 a legacy of commitment to senior services and rights that has improved the quality of life for so
9 many people. He is an extraordinary and dedicated person who has truly served as a model of
10 conscientious civic service, and he is enormously worthy of our emulation and acknowledgement;
11 now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
13 congratulates and thanks William Flynn Jr., for his dedicated service as Executive Director of the
14 Senior Agenda Coalition of Rhode Island. We furthermore wish him good health, fulfillment and
15 continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. William Flynn Jr.

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