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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE  
HABITAT FOR JUSTICE

Introduced By: Representatives Biah, Morales, Craven, Henries, Hull, J Lombardi,  
Giraldo, Baginski, Alzate, and Abney

Date Introduced: April 14, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, Justice Assistance has been in the vanguard of providing criminal justice  
2 services and improvements to the Rhode Island community since 1978; and

3 WHEREAS, Under the guidance and review of Justice Assistance, Habitat for Justice  
4 was developed as an innovative program to address employment, health, and housing for justice-  
5 involved individuals with hands-on training in the building trades, through the process of building  
6 and renovating affordable housing; and

7 WHEREAS, The program builds invaluable job skills and helps communities by  
8 rehabilitating under-utilized properties to create housing for the program's participants who are  
9 often at a great disadvantage in finding affordable housing; and

10 WHEREAS, The grant money would be matched dollar for dollar by Justice Assistance  
11 and would be self-funded after the initial grant; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
13 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000)  
14 to the Justice Assistance Habitat for Justice to create a hands-on training program in the building  
15 trades, rehabilitate under-utilized properties, and provide affordable housing to participants; and  
16 the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer  
17 for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon

1 receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$10,000,000 to the
- 2 Justice Assistance Habitat for Justice.

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