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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON ON BEING
CONFIRMED TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

Introduced By: Senators Cano, Mack, Euer, Raptakis, DiMario, Valverde, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: April 07, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2022, President Joe Biden put forth the historic nomination
2 of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to become the 116th Associate Justice of the United States
3 Supreme Court; and

4 WHEREAS, With bipartisan support, Judge Jackson was confirmed on April 7, 2022, to
5 a lifetime appointment on the nation's highest court, a significant step toward making the
6 Supreme Court more representative of our nation as a whole; and

7 WHEREAS, Judge Jackson was born in Washington, DC, and grew up in Miami, Florida.
8 She received a Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, in Government from Harvard-
9 Radcliffe College, and earned her Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Harvard Law School, where was
10 as a supervising editor of the Harvard Law Review; and

11 WHEREAS, In June of 2021, Judge Jackson had received her commission as a United
12 States Circuit Judge, and had previously served on the United States Court of Appeals for the
13 District of Columbia. During her tenure on the Court of Appeals, she had issued more than 500
14 opinions on cases involving myriad issues from separation of powers to the reach of the Fourth
15 Amendment to collective bargaining rights; and

16 WHEREAS, Currently, Judge Jackson is a member of the Judicial Conference
17 Committee on Defender Services, as well as the Board of Overseers of Harvard University and
18 the Council of the American Law Institute. She also serves on the board of Georgetown Day
19 School and the United States Supreme Court Fellows Commission; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Jackson's prior service includes eight years as a federal trial court
2 judge, Vice Chair and Commissioner on the United States Sentencing Commission, Assistant
3 Federal Public Defender in the appeals division of the Office of the Federal Public Defender in
4 the District of Columbia, lawyer in private practice at Morrison & Foerster LLP, and as a law
5 clerk at all three levels of the federal Judiciary; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Jackson is one of our nation's brightest legal minds and will join the
7 court in the summer of 2022. She is an exceptionally well-qualified, experienced, and
8 credentialed jurist who is committed to equal justice, and whose "evenhanded approach to the
9 administration of justice make her an outstanding candidate for the Supreme Court"; now,
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates the
12 Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson on being confirmed as the 116th Associate Justice of the
13 United States Supreme Court. We furthermore extend our best wishes for her continued success,
14 health and fulfillment; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson.

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