

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING MARTA APARICIO ON HER
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Introduced By: Representatives Batista, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Alzate, Felix,
Chippendale, Shanley, Giraldo, Voas, and Stewart

Date Introduced: June 14, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, America is the land of opportunity, where lives and futures can change
2 direction at any time, and impossible dreams can and do come true. The life and accomplishments
3 of Ms. Marta Aparicio stand as testament to the validity of these beliefs; and

4 WHEREAS, At the age of 11, Marta Aparicio arrived in Rhode Island from Guatemala
5 where she had lived in poverty. She did not speak English and did not have a secure family life.
6 For some people, these obstacles may well have limited their life's ambitions, but this was not to
7 be the case; and

8 WHEREAS, By the time Ms. Aparicio entered high school, she had mastered English and
9 was an excellent student, but her family life had fallen apart, forcing her to live on her own at the
10 age of seventeen, and in addition to going to school, she worked two jobs in order to survive; and

11 WHEREAS, One of Marta's Hope High School advisors along her journey told her that
12 "you can't give up. Education is what opens doors." Taking that advice to heart, Marta overcame
13 exhaustion, depression, and the lack of means or parents, and graduated as Valedictorian of the
14 Hope High School class of 2010, attained her Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in
15 Washington, D.C., and in 2018, was one of 30 from a pool of 600 candidates, to be selected for
16 the State Department's Charles B. Rangel Fellowship in international affairs at Columbia
17 University; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Aparicio has faced labels like Latino, first generation, person of color,
19 and low income, but overcame, and her success hasn't simply been a result of good fortune, but is

1 due instead to her intelligence and hard work, and most importantly, her amazing determination
2 to not give up, to not give in, to not fail; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, Ms. Aparicio is a member of the U.S. Foreign Service, finishing a
4 two-year posting as a diplomat to Laos and will soon continue on her journey at the U.S.
5 Embassy in Honduras; and

6 WHEREAS, Marta Aparicio has laid the foundation for a future that is unbounded with
7 promise and potential. Her determination in the face of adversity is inspirational, and she is
8 eminently deserving of our praise and recognition; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
10 congratulates and honors Marta Aparicio on her accomplishments and wishes her good health,
11 much happiness, and continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Marta Aparicio.

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