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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**HONORING MICHAEL ISAACS, EAST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT
AFTER TWELVE YEARS OF MERITORIOUS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE
CITIZENS OF EAST GREENWICH**

Introduced By: Representatives Giarrusso, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, and Hearn

Date Introduced: June 06, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Michael Isaacs was born on March 22, 1947. He graduated from the
2 University of Rochester in 1969 (with honors), and attained a Doctor of Jurisprudence law degree
3 from Boston College in 1974. He is currently a member of the Rhode Island, Massachusetts and
4 Washington, D.C. Bar Associations. He is married to Mindy Isaacs and is the father of one
5 daughter, Tara; and

6 WHEREAS, The Honorable Michael Isaacs was first elected to the East Greenwich
7 Town Council in 2004, and has served his constituents and the citizens of East Greenwich with
8 honor and integrity for the last twelve years. Upon taking office, Michael quickly earned a
9 reputation for being diligent in his duties. He always returned the phone calls of taxpayers and
10 always found time to listen to his constituents' concerns and discuss possible solutions with them;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Isaacs has compiled numerous accomplishments during his tenure on
13 the Council. He was instrumental in getting a new Police Station constructed and equipping the
14 police officers with state-of-the-art equipment. This did much to boost the morale of the police
15 department in East Greenwich. He also played a key role in the conversion of the Town Dump
16 into what is now Scallop Town Park. He has always worked hard to ensure that Town services
17 were being provided in a high-quality and efficient manner and always strived to keep property
18 taxes affordable. In this vein, he was a vigorous supporter of consolidating various departments,
19 including combining finance departments, and consolidating grounds maintenance, snow

1 plowing, trash collection and recycling services; and

2 WHEREAS, In an effort to improve the quality of life in East Greenwich, Council
3 President Isaacs oversaw the renovation of the Swift Community Center from a dilapidated
4 building to a place where young people now spend much of their free time and into a center that
5 is much enjoyed and appreciated by East Greenwich residents. He was also instrumental in
6 formatting a twenty year lease with New England Tech, and played a vital role in the passage of a
7 bond issue for the Archie Cole Middle School; and

8 WHEREAS, Michael Isaacs is also very accomplished outside of politics. He is a
9 successful private practice lawyer who previously served in a number of leadership positions
10 including, Vice-President of Government & Corporate Relations and as the Vice-President of
11 development for a number of private business entities including the Providence Journal Company
12 and Bresnan Communications. Mr. Isaacs also served as Chair of Rhode Island PBS Station
13 Channel 36, on the Board of Directors of Jewish Senior Services and the Jewish Federation, and
14 presently serves on the Board of Directors for the Rhode Island Brain and Spine Tumor
15 Foundation; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates The Honorable Michael Isaacs on his retirement as
18 Council President of the East Greenwich Town Council after twelve years of distinguished and
19 devoted service. We wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Michael Isaacs, President, East
22 Greenwich Town Council.

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