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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING THE HONORABLE SCOTT AVEDISIAN FOR HIS
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WARWICK AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, McNamara, Solomon, and Vella-
Wilkinson

Date Introduced: May 16, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Scott Avedisian was born in the City of Warwick and attended public
2 schools in Warwick and Washington, DC. Continuing his education, he earned his Bachelor's
3 degree from Providence College, his Master's degree in Public Administration from Roger
4 Williams University, completed the State and Local program at Harvard's Kennedy School of
5 Government, and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the New England
6 Institute of Technology; and

7 WHEREAS, To the good fortune of the people of Warwick, the Honorable Scott
8 Avedisian chose a life of civic service. Beginning in high school, he served as a page to the late
9 United States Senator John Chafee, a legislative aide for the Rhode Island Senate, Deputy
10 Campaign Manager for former Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Almond, and in due course, was
11 successively elected five terms as a member of the Warwick City Council; and

12 WHEREAS, In February of 2000, the Honorable Scott Avedisian became the 15th Mayor
13 of City of Warwick, the second largest city in Rhode Island, in a five-way special election race.
14 Today, he is the longest-serving Mayor in the City's history, a clear indication of the unmitigated
15 faith the people of Warwick have had in his leadership and in his unwavering determination to
16 shape and endow a stable and prosperous city; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Avedisian's success hasn't simply been a result of his immense
18 talents, but has in large measure been due to his honor and ability to build bi-partisan consensus.
19 During his tenure as Mayor, he has been a strong champion for human services reform and

1 environmental protection, and his acute perspicuity has endowed the City of Warwick with a
2 facile and sustainable economic foundation; and

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Avedisian has also served as President of the Rhode Island League
4 of Cities and Towns, as a member of the Board of Directors of St. Mary's Home for Children for
5 two decades, as a member of the Board of Directors for Crossroads Rhode Island, as a longtime
6 Honorary Chairman of the Episcopal Charities, as the immediate past president of the Episcopal
7 Diocese Standing Committee, and as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Public
8 Transit Authority. Currently, he is on the Board of Incorporators of Kent Hospital, a Trustee of
9 Ocean State Charities Trust, and a Board member of Advisors of FRIENDS Way, to name but a
10 few of his professional and civic endeavors; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayor Avedisian's experience and service have comprehensively and
12 effectively prepared him for his vital new role as Chief Executive Officer and General Manager
13 of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, where he will undoubtedly be successful in
14 expanding the effectiveness and efficiency of RIPTA and "in finding ways to better connect the
15 transit system with the state's colleges"; and

16 WHEREAS, The Honorable Scott Avedisian is eminently deserving of the leadership
17 position and trust he has been afforded. He has wholly distinguished himself as a person worthy
18 of our recognition, praise and admiration and he has earned the unqualified admiration and
19 respect of all who have been privileged enough to work with him; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
21 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes and thanks the Honorable Scott Avedisian for his many
22 years of extraordinary service as an outstanding community advocate and Mayor of the City of
23 Warwick. The membership, furthermore, wishes him good health, happiness and success in his
24 future endeavors; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
26 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Scott Avedisian.

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