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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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

**CONGRATULATING DIANE RICH ON BEING NAMED HEAD OF THE ROCKY HILL
SCHOOL**

Introduced By: Representatives Giarrusso, Shekarchi, Morgan, Shanley, and Ajello

Date Introduced: May 30, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Diane Rich has been inspiring students to envision the possibilities, to have
2 confidence in themselves and their abilities, and to believe in a future full of promise for more
3 than thirty years. On July 1, 2018, she will become the Head of the Rocky Hill School and will be
4 the first woman Head of School since Dorothy Marshall founded Rocky Hill School in 1934; and

5 WHEREAS, Rocky Hill School's mission is "to educate the whole child—mind, body,
6 and spirit." Located on 84 acres along the Potowomut River and Narragansett Bay in East
7 Greenwich, the school enrolls students in nursery through the 12th grade and offers a rigorous
8 curriculum of college academics with small class size, integrated technology, innovative teaching
9 methods, and interactive educational experiences; and

10 WHEREAS, By unanimous consensus, the Rocky Hill School Board voted to name Ms.
11 Rich as the Head of School, describing her as "the individual who has been largely responsible
12 for overseeing the implementation of all of our forward-thinking academic programs and
13 structures" and that she was "uniquely qualified to continue to advance our school"; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2013, Ms. Rich joined the faculty at Rocky Hill School as an English
15 teacher and Dean of Faculty. Most recently, she has served as the Assistant Head of School for
16 Internal Affairs and has overseen all curriculum and academic programs, faculty, and operations;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Previously, Ms. Rich served as founding Dean of Humanities at the award-
19 winning Bedford High School, and has 30 years of experience in education. She earned her

1 Bachelor's degree from Boston College and received her Master's Degree in Education from
2 Harvard University; and

3 WHEREAS, Diane Rich is an enormously well-respected educator, whose genuine love
4 of learning has already helped hundreds of children to succeed, and will surely continue to inspire
5 us all; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
7 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Diane Rich on being named Head of School at the
8 Rocky Hill School. We moreover wish her good health and much success; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Diane Rich, Head of School-Designate,
11 Rocky Hill School.

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