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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING JASON GRAMITT ON BEING ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS LAWS (COGEL)

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Edwards, Blazejewski, and Lima

Date Introduced: January 23, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Jason Gramitt, Executive Director and Chief Prosecutor of the Rhode Island  
2 Ethics Commission, has earned the honor and distinction of being elected President of the  
3 Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL); and

4           WHEREAS, COGEL, an international organization officially formed in 1978, is a  
5 professional organization for government agencies and other associations working in ethics,  
6 elections, freedom of information, lobbying, and campaign finance. The organization assists  
7 various agencies by providing information about statutory and regulatory functions, budgets and  
8 names of personnel, and by working as a coordinator to expand communication between  
9 governmental ethics agencies and commissions; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Gramitt is eminently qualified to embrace his new role as President of  
11 COGEL. He is a graduate of Ohio University, Roger Williams University School of Law, and  
12 Harvard Kennedy School. From 1996 through 1998, he was a staff attorney in the Appellate  
13 Screening Unit of the Rhode Island Supreme Court. In 1998, he took a position as an attorney  
14 with the Criminal Appeals Panel of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, and was also actively  
15 practicing law at Winograd, Shine & Zacks, P.C.; and

16           WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Gramitt has been an Adjunct Faculty member at the  
17 University of Rhode Island, an Adjunct Faculty member at Johnson & Wales University, was an  
18 attorney and Education Coordinator with the Rhode Island Ethics Commission beginning in 2001,  
19 and is currently the Executive Director and Chief Prosecutor for the Rhode Island Ethics

1 Commission; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gramitt is a paradigm of the very best legal and leadership qualities and  
3 he is truly worthy of our praise and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
5 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Jason Gramitt on being elected as President of  
6 COGEL. We furthermore wish him continued success, fulfillment, and good health; and be it  
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Jason Gramitt, Esq.

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