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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE ADMINISTRATION, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF ROGER
WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY FOR EARNING A 2020 CARNEGIE COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT CLASSIFICATION

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Donovan, Speakman, Marszalkowski,
and McEntee

Date Introduced: February 06, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Roger Williams University (RWU) has earned the prestigious Carnegie
2 Community Engagement Classification for "...doing extraordinary work in addressing their
3 societal responsibilities in and through community engagement and service"; and

4 WHEREAS, Receiving this Classification requires a rigorous, accreditation-like process
5 and to date, only 359 colleges and universities have earned the classification from the Carnegie
6 Foundation; and

7 WHEREAS, Community engagement is about teaching, research and service that
8 supports a "mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership
9 and reciprocity" in order to "enrich scholarship, research and creative activity; enhance
10 curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic
11 values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good";
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Some of RWU's projects to date include, working in Central America with
14 the Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC), the Hassenfeld Projects
15 initiative, Gateway to College program, Providence Talks, Ready to Learn, English-as-a-Second
16 Language Teacher Certification Program, Alternative Spring Break program, and working pro
17 bono with the Marine Affairs Institute, to name just a few; and

18 WHEREAS, During the 2017-18 school year, almost half of the University's population
19 participated in community-engaged courses as well as volunteering for community projects in

1 conjunction with the Feinstein Community Connections day, Food Recovery Network, Habitat
2 for Humanity and Engineers Without Borders; and

3 WHEREAS, Roger Williams is one of only two institutions in Rhode Island with this
4 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification; and

5 WHEREAS, This achievement is a testament to RWU's successful partnerships with a
6 panoply of community organizations and the countless faculty, staff and students who share and
7 have made possible, the University's commitment to advancing the public good; now, therefore
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
10 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the administration, staff, and students of Roger
11 Williams University for earning a 2020 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. We
12 moreover thank them for their dedication to the people of this state and wish them much
13 continued success; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ioannis Miaoulis, President of Roger Williams
16 University.

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