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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**HONORING THE MYRIAD ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ELIZABETH BEISEL AND  
WELCOMING HER BACK TO THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE**

Introduced By: Representatives Millea, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Casimiro, and Craven

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, At the tender age of five, Elizabeth Beisel embarked on a journey to  
2 becoming one of our state's most accomplished athletes when she began learning to swim. From  
3 the very beginning, her ability to adapt to the aquatic environment was obvious as was her  
4 budding talent; and

5           WHEREAS, Before age ten, Elizabeth was already well on her way to becoming a world  
6 class swimmer, earning National titles in various strokes including the 200 meter individual  
7 medley, the 100 meter backstroke, the 200 meter freestyle, and the 400 meter freestyle. In 2007,  
8 at the age of fourteen, she was named the Rhode Island Female High School Athlete of the Year  
9 and competed in the 2007 World Championships; and

10           WHEREAS, Honing her skills with practice and determination, Elizabeth became the  
11 youngest member of the 2008 US Summer Olympics Team, and placed fifth and fourth,  
12 respectively, in the 200 meter backstroke and 400 meter individual medley events; and

13           WHEREAS, At the 2012 Summer Olympics, Elizabeth won the silver medal in the 400  
14 meter individual medley and bronze in the 200 meter backstroke, and in 2016, she placed second  
15 in the 400 meter individual medley at the US Olympic Swimming Trials, qualifying for her third  
16 Olympic team; and

17           WHEREAS, Elizabeth has won a total of nine medals in major international competition,  
18 four gold, one silver, and four bronze spanning the Olympics, World Aquatics, and the Pan  
19 Pacific Championships; and

1           WHEREAS, Out of the water, Elizabeth is also a champion. She earned her Bachelor's  
2 degree in Telecommunications from the University of Florida, authored the very successful book  
3 "Silver Lining", was a member of the 39th season of the acclaimed television show Survivor, and  
4 volunteers her time with the Special Olympics and Rhode Island Community Food Bank; and

5           WHEREAS, Elizabeth grew up in Saunderstown, the daughter of Ted and Joanie Beisel.  
6 She is a remarkable woman, who truly exemplifies all that we hope our children will grow to be,  
7 and we are honored to recognize her accomplishments; now, therefore be it

8           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
9 Providence Plantations hereby warmly welcomes Elizabeth Beisel to the Rhode Island State  
10 House and commends her for her amazing accomplishments. We furthermore wish her much  
11 happiness and future success; and be it

12           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Elizabeth Beisel.

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