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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING MR. RICHARD N. HARRIS, MSW, LICSW, ON HIS RETIREMENT
AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, AFTER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Ajello, Ruggiero, Cortvriend, and Slater

Date Introduced: June 17, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Richard Harris, a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, and
2 Executive Director of the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers
3 (NASW) since July of 2002, is retiring after many years of distinguished service in the human
4 resources field; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris attained a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of
6 Rhode Island and a Master of Social Work Degree from Rhode Island College. Mr. Harris is a
7 Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and is
8 also a Certified Vocational Evaluator and Job Placement Specialist. He was also a Certified
9 Rehabilitation Counselor for many years; and

10 WHEREAS, For more than thirty years, Mr. Harris has practiced both clinically and
11 administratively in numerous settings including the fields of child welfare services, mental health,
12 rehabilitation services, and grant writing. In his capacity as the Executive Director of the Rhode
13 Island Chapter of the NASW, he fought tenaciously in support of programs for the poor, LGBTQ
14 rights, women's equality, immigrant rights, civil rights, and mental health and disability rights;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, For the past sixteen years, Mr. Harris has served as an Adjunct Professor at
17 Rhode Island College. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Salve Regina University and worked for
18 years at Boston University as the Faculty Liaison for students placed in Rhode Island;

1 WHEREAS, Richard Harris has worked tirelessly throughout his life advocating on
2 behalf of the less fortunate and the needy. Many lives were helped immeasurably thanks to Mr.
3 Harris's passionate belief that society has a moral obligation to offer a lending hand to those
4 living in the shadows of life; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
6 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Mr. Richard Harris on his retirement as the
7 Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Rhode Island Chapter, after
8 many years of dedicated service to the people of Rhode Island; 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 Mr. Richard Harris.

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