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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND SINCERE GRATITUDE TO MR. NEIL STEINBERG, THE RHODE ISLAND FOUNDATION, AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION AND HEALTH PLANNING COMMITTEES WHO COLLABORATED TO CREATE LONG-TERM VISIONS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR ALL RHODE ISLANDERS

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Gallo, Miller, McCaffrey, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: June 17, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Foundation, founded in June of 1916, is among the  
2 nation's oldest and largest community foundations and is Rhode Island's largest philanthropic  
3 organization; and

4           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Foundation strives to inspire philanthropy; to focus  
5 acutely on the Foundation's strategic priorities to improve economic, educational, and health  
6 outcomes for all Rhode Islanders; to convene Rhode Islanders from all sectors to debate the  
7 community's needs and to seek solutions for the state's challenges; and to raise money that will  
8 help make Rhode Island a more robust, innovative, and creative place to live; and

9           WHEREAS, President and CEO Neil D. Steinberg has diligently and enthusiastically led  
10 the Rhode Island Foundation since 2008 and recognizes that this important work requires long-  
11 term commitment and collaboration from the business, nonprofit, and government sectors; and

12           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Foundation, under Mr. Steinberg's leadership, created  
13 two committees comprised of highly regarded and experienced Rhode Islanders -- the Long Term  
14 Health Planning Committee and the Long Term Education Planning Committee. The work of  
15 those committees to develop and endorse long-term education and health plans is inextricably  
16 linked and more vital than ever now that the state is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

17           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Senate Committee on Education and the Rhode Island  
18 Senate Committee on Health & Human Services are grateful that Mr. Steinberg presented to them

1 during the 2020 legislative session and engaged in vital dialogue with Senators about the long-  
2 term plans, entitled “Rhode Island’s Path to a World-Class Public Education System” and “Health  
3 in Rhode Island: A Long-Term Vision”; and

4 WHEREAS, The health initiative is laser-focused on health equity and envisions Rhode  
5 Island becoming the healthiest state in the nation, so that all Rhode Islanders have the opportunity  
6 to be in optimal health; to live, work, learn, and play in healthy communities; and to have access  
7 to high-quality and affordable health care; and

8 WHEREAS, The education initiative recognizes the need for all Rhode Islanders to chart  
9 a course and stay the course as a community and envisions a world-class public education system  
10 for Rhode Island that prepares all students to succeed in life and to contribute productively to the  
11 community; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
13 has hereby duly received and reviewed the long-term plans put forth by the Rhode Island  
14 Foundation’s committees and stands committed to improving health and education outcomes for  
15 all Rhode Islanders; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby expresses sincere gratitude to Mr. Steinberg, to the  
17 Rhode Island Foundation, and to all members of the education and health planning committees,  
18 who collaborated to create long-term visions intended to improve the educational and health  
19 outcomes for all Rhode Islanders and, ultimately, to improve Rhode Islanders’ economic and  
20 social well-being; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
22 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. Neil D. Steinberg, President and CEO of  
23 the Rhode Island Foundation, Ms. Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner of the Rhode Island  
24 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott, Director of  
25 the Rhode Island Department of Health.

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