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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSEPH BIDEN, JR., AND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT KAMALA HARRIS

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, Ciccone, and Cano

Date Introduced: January 19, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, President-elect Joseph Biden, Jr., a man of great experience and common-
2 man instincts, will take the oath of office on January 20th, 2021, and become the 46th President
3 of the United States, the most powerful and important position of responsibility on the globe.
4 Hopefully, in these days of great turmoil and fear, he and Vice-President-elect Harris can unify
5 the nation as together we fight and defeat a devastating pandemic, restore comity and democratic
6 norms within our nation, and bring peace and stability to a world on the edge; and

7 WHEREAS, President-elect Biden was born on November 20, 1942, to a working-class
8 family in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Growing up, President-elect Biden's family experienced
9 economic misfortune and he was witness to the economic decline suffered by Scranton and many
10 other similar cities. Throughout his life, this experience gave him great empathy for the working
11 people of America who toil and struggle every day to find good jobs and provide for their
12 families; and

13 WHEREAS, President-elect Biden has had a long career of distinguished public service
14 that will serve him well in his duties as President. He served in the United States Senate from
15 1973 to 2009, where he was a highly-respected leader who held a variety of important positions
16 including Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Chair of the Foreign Relations
17 Committee. Most importantly, he served as the 47th Vice-President of the United States under
18 President Barack Obama. His vast knowledge of world affairs and his deep understanding of how
19 the United States Congress operates proved to be invaluable assets to President Obama and will

1 serve him and our nation well as he assumes the duties of the Presidency; and

2 WHEREAS, President-elect Biden will be ably assisted by Vice President-elect Kamala
3 Harris, who will become the first African-American and the first Asian-American Vice President
4 of the United States. Vice President-elect Harris is a person of great accomplishment. She served
5 as the District Attorney of San Francisco, as the Attorney General of California, and as a United
6 States Senator from California. Throughout her distinguished public service career, she has
7 fought tirelessly on behalf of consumer rights, equality for all Americans, public safety and
8 criminal justice reform, and against corruption in government; and

9 WHEREAS, Vice President-elect Harris was born in Oakland, California, to Shyamala
10 Gopalan, a biologist from Tamil Nadu, India, who did groundbreaking research on the
11 progesterone receptor gene which stimulated important advances in breast cancer research, and to
12 Donald J. Harris, a Stanford University professor emeritus of economics, who came to the United
13 States from Jamaica in 1961. Vice President-elect Kamala Harris and her family are great
14 examples of how diversity strengthens our nation and makes it more vibrant, both economically
15 and civilly. Her bold vision about the future of America will be a great asset for President-elect
16 Biden and the future of our nation; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby wishes President-elect
18 Joseph Biden Jr., and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris the very best as they lead our nation for
19 the next four years. We hope they can steer our nation safely out of this devastating pandemic,
20 restore our economy and economic opportunity for the people and businesses that have suffered
21 so much over the last year, bring security and peace to our nation and the globe, and return
22 civility and democratic norms to our nation; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
24 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Joseph Biden, Jr., President of
25 the United States, and the Honorable Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States.

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