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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING CARINA MONGE FOR HER DEDICATED AND
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
AND THE RHODE ISLAND STATE SENATE

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, de la Cruz, Ruggerio, Sosnowski, Picard, Lombardo,
F Lombardi, and Burke

Date Introduced: May 20, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Carina Monge is a Culture Coordinator with the Providence Public School
2 System who has spent the last fifteen years making an enormous difference in the lives of many
3 students and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Monge was born and raised in the Dominican Republic to parents of
5 Lebanese descent. Since coming to Rhode Island, she has been very active in the Latino
6 community and has served as a liaison connecting the school system with the wider community
7 and the families of the children attending its schools; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Monge's professional career began as a part-time career and technical
9 coordinator at the high school level working tirelessly to provide career opportunities and real-
10 world awareness to her students; and

11 WHEREAS, Most recently, Ms. Monge transitioned to the position of Culture
12 Coordinator at Esek Hopkins Middle School in Providence. Her duties include a wide and varied
13 array of tasks, all with the goal of making the schooling experience as smooth as possible for all
14 parties involved. Some of her responsibilities include helping students work out their differences
15 with one of their teachers, finding an alternative to a suspension through a process called
16 restorative justice, and working with the city to address issues relating to student absenteeism;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, At Esek Hopkins, one of the City's schools that has struggled with low
19 academic performance, Ms. Monge, has worked to inspire students to re-engage with their studies

1 and work through their life’s struggles in order to not let them affect their academic performance.
2 She works with students, parents and school officials in an assortment of ways to improve the
3 lives of all members of the school family. Being bilingual, Ms. Monge is able to connect with
4 Spanish-speaking parents who may be leery of talking to officials, work with students with
5 excessive absences, teens dealing with trauma, and often she serves as a liaison with the local
6 police; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Monge is also more than willing to think outside the box to get results.
8 She has launched “power lunches,” handed out Hula Hoops to get kids moving, helped students
9 launch an LGBTQ club, connected local musicians with the school's band, brought in leading
10 community leaders to speak at Career Day, and has linked students with summer jobs. Ms.
11 Monge is always willing to go the extra mile to reach a young person in need of help and has
12 made a positive difference in the lives of countless Providence School Department students and
13 their families; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby thanks Ms. Carina
15 Monge for all the hard work and success she has had working for the Providence School
16 Department, and also thanks her for her diligent efforts as the Clerk of the Rhode Island Senate
17 Labor Committee; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Carina Monge.

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