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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE RHODE ISLAND HISPANIC CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Introduced By: Senators Cano, Quezada, and Acosta

Date Introduced: June 03, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Incorporated on May 19th of 2016, the RI Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
2 was organized to represent, promote and empower Rhode Island's Hispanic business community
3 in order to create a business environment that sustains economic vitality by supporting the needs
4 of local businesses and by building strong relationships between corporate America and the
5 Hispanic-owned businesses in our State; and

6 WHEREAS, The Chamber represents Hispanic-owned small businesses, entrepreneurs
7 and institutions "committed to the economic development and success of the Hispanic business
8 community" and based on the "highest standards of ethics, integrity, and community service"; and

9 WHEREAS, In addition, the Chamber monitors and advocates "for sound public policies,
10 and programs that impact Hispanic businesses" and collaborates "with the Hispanic community
11 and other Hispanic organizations in order to support the advancement, education, and economic
12 growth of the Hispanic community" in Rhode Island; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the past year, COVID has had a devastating effect on Hispanic-owned
14 businesses with 32 percent failing according to the National Bureau of Economic Research. The
15 Chamber has offered assistance by waiving the fee for new businesses to join, mentoring business
16 owners in the process for applying for state aid and Federal loans, and in communicating with the
17 state to try to strengthen programs for all business owners; and

18 WHEREAS, The RI Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has earned the unqualified
19 admiration and the gratitude of the Hispanic business community, and its accomplishments over

1 the past five years are eminently worthy of our recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes and
3 congratulates the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of its 5th Anniversary. We
4 furthermore thank the entire membership for their dedicated service to the Hispanic community
5 and wish them many more years of success ensuring a brighter and more prosperous future for
6 Rhode Islanders; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Luis Torrado, Chairman of the Rhode Island
9 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

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