

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CONGRATULATING RANDALL ROSENBAUM ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED,
INNOVATIVE AND INSPIRING SERVICE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
RHODE ISLAND STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Cortvriend,
Messier, Alzate, Fellela, Kennedy, and Fenton-Fung

Date Introduced: January 11, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Randall Rosenbaum holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from
2 Temple University. Before assuming his current position, he had a distinguished career within the
3 music and arts nonprofit community. He managed orchestras and nonprofit arts organizations in
4 Florida, Georgia, and Ohio. He also served as site visitor and panelist for the National
5 Endowment for the Arts in the Dance, Theatre, Musical Theatre/Opera, and state and regional
6 programs, and as a panelist for the state arts agencies of New York, New Jersey, Maryland,
7 Connecticut and Massachusetts, and as a panelist for the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation, The
8 Heinz Endowment of Pittsburgh, and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture in Cleveland. From 1984 to 1995,
9 he was employed in numerous capacities with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, including as
10 Deputy Director and Director of the Dance and Presenting Organizations Programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Since becoming the Executive Director of the Rhode Island State Council
12 on the Arts in 1995, Mr. Rosenbaum has served as the State's leading arts advocate under five
13 governors. Thanks to his tireless work ethic, innovative approach to the arts, and superb
14 leadership skills, he has overseen an arts sector that contributes more than two billion dollars to
15 the Rhode Island economy; and

16 WHEREAS, During Mr. Rosenbaum's tenure, funding for the Rhode Island Council on
17 the Arts has increased by more than 800 percent, the Cultural Facilities Grant Program was
18 created, and programs for nonprofit arts organizations, individual artists, schools and teaching

1 artists have expanded, receiving thirty million dollars in bond support. Under his leadership,
2 nearly seventy works of public art were commissioned for State facilities. Additionally, he
3 created public arts galleries in the State's main administration building, T.F. Green International
4 and Block Island airports, and arts programs that honor and reflect the wonderful cultural
5 diversity of our State. Also, all official portraits of Rhode Island Governors since Lincoln
6 Almond have been commissioned by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts and painted by
7 Rhode Island artists; and

8 WHEREAS, Thanks to the many professional contacts and friends he has made
9 throughout the national arts community, and the high regard he is universally held in by his peers,
10 Mr. Rosenbaum was able to build strong and enduring partnerships with federal, state and private
11 entities including the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Department of
12 Education, Department of Health, and the City of Providence's Department of Art, Culture &
13 Tourism; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. Rosenbaum brought the Rhode Island Film and Television
15 Office into the State Arts Council. Since then, the Rhode Island Film and Television Office has
16 made its mark on the State of Rhode Island, attracting many world-class feature film and
17 television productions to Rhode Island, and generating many important jobs and resources in the
18 communities throughout the State; and

19 WHEREAS, Most recently, the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts established its
20 most recent Strategic Plan based on values-based programming in order to ensure that equity and
21 inclusion will be important parts of the arts and culture community through its funding and
22 professional development programs; and

23 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mr. Rosenbaum is a practicing musician who has sung
24 professionally in churches and synagogues, as well as with performing groups throughout the
25 East Coast. He has also taught arts administration courses, classes, and seminars at Brown
26 University and Rhode Island College, and serves on the Board of the New England Foundation
27 for the Arts, and the Board of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies; now, therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
29 congratulates Randall Rosenbaum on his retirement after twenty-seven years of distinguished and
30 exemplary service as the Executive Director of the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts; and
31 be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
33 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Randall Rosenbaum, Executive Director of

1 the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

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