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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING RICHARD E. FLEURY, ESQ. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS
LEGAL COUNSEL TO THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MINORITY CAUCUS

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, Filippi, Chippendale, Place, Fenton-Fung,
Blazejewski, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Edwards, and Serpa

Date Introduced: June 22, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Richard Ernest Fleury was born on September 11, 1946, in the Town of
2 West Warwick, where he has resided for most of his life. He attended Bishop Hendricken High
3 School, and attained his Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, and a Juris Doctor from
4 the University of Detroit; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Fleury served our country as an Attorney with the military
6 reserve force of the United States Army. During the Blizzard of '78, he received a special
7 commendation for his assistance in issuing military trucks out of the Warwick Army Reserve Post
8 to local police officers in order to assist in the State's response to those stranded during the storm;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In 1992, the Honorable Richard Fleury was elected to the Rhode Island
11 House of Representatives in District 40, and earning the respect and confidence of his colleagues
12 and constituents, he served for five terms, from January 1, 1993 through 2002; and

13 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House, Mr. Fleury was a member of the House
14 Finance Committee, and a member of the contentious Redistricting Commission of 2002, which
15 had been tasked with downsizing the House from 100 to 75 representatives. He was also a strong
16 opponent of the Casino proposed for West Warwick and joined the fight to preserve Barton Farm
17 as community open space; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2005, then-Minority Leader Robert Watson retained Mr. Fleury as Legal
19 Counsel for the House Minority Caucus, where he has served for the past seventeen years. In

1 addition, Mr. Fleury maintains a flourishing General Law practice as the sole practitioner in the
2 Law Office of Richard E. Fleury, and is a member of the West Warwick Lions, the Rhode Island
3 Bar Association, the Michigan Bar Association, and a member of the St. John the Baptist School
4 Board; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to his time at the State House and his law practice, Mr. Fleury
6 has been happily married to his wife, Sally for an inspiring 51 years, and together they have
7 raised two children, Nicolle and Mark, and are blessed with three grandchildren, Mark, Matthew
8 and John. Richard is also an avid golfer and college basketball fan; and

9 WHEREAS, Richard Fleury's retirement leaves very large shoes to fill. He has been an
10 inspiration and a role model of conscientious civic service and is eminently worthy of our
11 recognition and praise; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
13 bids adieu and thanks Richard Fleury for his years of legal erudition and sagacious advice and
14 wishes him a most happy and healthy retirement; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Richard E. Fleury, Esq., [via](#)
17 [FAX](#).

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