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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE LIANA CASSAR FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE
OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Tanzi, Fogarty, Carson,
Speakman, Ranglin-Vassell, Donovan, and Abney

Date Introduced: June 23, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Liana Cassar graduated from the University of Connecticut
2 with a Bachelor's degree in communications and Spanish. Continuing her education, she earned a
3 Master's degree in public health from Boston University, and an MBA from Simmons College.
4 She and her family reside in the Town of Barrington; and

5 WHEREAS, In November of 2018, the Honorable Liana Cassar was elected to the Rhode
6 Island House of Representatives from District 66, which encompasses neighborhoods in the
7 Town of Barrington and East Providence. She is a member of the House Health and Human
8 Services Committee, and the House Small Business Committee; and

9 WHEREAS, As a tireless advocate for her constituency, Representative Cassar has
10 championed legislation to establish a pilot program that leverages federal dollars to address
11 chronic homelessness, and the enactment of a new law to make perinatal doula services eligible
12 for reimbursement through private insurance which helps to address racial disparities in health
13 outcomes for parents and infants; and

14 WHEREAS, Outspoken on many causes, Representative Cassar introduced legislation to
15 create the Utilization Review Act that augments healthcare affordability initiatives, and has
16 sponsored bills to expand Rhode Island's successful paid family leave program and codify the
17 protections of the Affordable Care Act in State law. She has also been the House sponsor of the
18 Equality in Abortion Coverage Act, that codifies Rhode Islanders rights under the Reproductive
19 Privacy Act, regardless of a person's health insurance; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to her long hours at the State House, Representative Cassar has
2 worked in the healthcare IT sector, and had served in the Peace Corps as a community
3 development worker in Costa Rica. Currently, she runs a strategy and operations consulting
4 business, serves as a coach for the business incubator program at Social Enterprise Greenhouse,
5 has served as co-chair of the Barrington Democratic Town Committee and is an advisory board
6 member for the Center for Health and Justice Transformation; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the past four years, the Honorable Liana Cassar has served her
8 constituents and the citizens of Rhode Island with distinction and integrity. She has touched the
9 lives of so many families through her diligent efforts and with the legislation she has fought to
10 enact, and she is eminently worthy of our gratitude and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 honors Representative Liana Cassar as she concludes her service in the Rhode Island General
13 Assembly. We thank her for a job well done, and extend our sincere wishes for her continued
14 health, happiness, and success; 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 Liana Cassar.

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