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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

THANKING REPRESENTATIVE ANASTASIA P. WILLIAMS FOR HER THIRTY YEARS  
OF DEVOTED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ajello, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez,  
C Lima, Chippendale, O'Brien, Serpa, and Slater

Date Introduced: January 11, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, To the good fortune of the residents of Rhode Island House District 9,  
2 Representative Anastasia Williams was elected to represent them in 1992. Throughout her  
3 meritorious public service career, she has been a passionate advocate on behalf of those that have  
4 not always shared in the bounty of American life and have been deprived of the rights accorded to  
5 others; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Williams has served as the House Labor Committee Chair  
7 and most recently served as a member of the House Municipal Government and Housing  
8 Committee, House Oversight Committee, House Rules Committee and the Rhode Black Island &  
9 Latino Caucus, and has been a leading voice on key issue of importance to the residents of her  
10 District and the State of Rhode Island; and

11 WHEREAS, Among her many accomplishments, Representative Williams was the prime  
12 sponsor of legislation allowing Rhode Islanders to vote to remove the word "plantations" from  
13 Rhode Island's name. In 2019, she was the prime sponsor of legislation that codified the privacy  
14 and reproductive freedom rights in Rhode Island state laws; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Williams also successfully sponsored legislation that  
16 exempts natural hair braiders from the requirement to be licensed as hairdressers and  
17 cosmeticians, and provides that any minority business enterprise certified by the Federal Small  
18 Business Act will be deemed certified by the Department of Administration as a minority  
19 business enterprise; and

1           WHEREAS, Representative Williams currently serves as a coordinator of First Source  
2 Providence. She has tirelessly supported numerous charitable and civic organizations including  
3 the United Way, Joslyn and Hartford Community Centers, the West Broadway Neighborhood  
4 Association, Providence Community Action, Providence Head Start and the Olneyville Housing  
5 Corporation; and

6           WHEREAS, Representative Williams is a graduate of Bishop Keough Regional High  
7 School and attended Roger Williams University. She is the devoted mother of Lisa, Dionne,  
8 Jonathan, Eddy, and Hev'n; now, therefore be it

9           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
10 thanks Representative Anastasia Williams for her thirty years of devoted and distinguished  
11 service as a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives. We furthermore wish her  
12 continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

13           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Anastasis P. Williams.

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