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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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

**HONORING AND THANKING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES N. MCLAUGHLIN FOR HIS
SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Azzinaro, Noret,
Serpa, Brien, Phillips, Vella-Wilkinson, and Batista

Date Introduced: January 11, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, To the good fortune of the people of Cumberland and Central Falls, the
2 Honorable James N. McLaughlin was elected to represent District 57 in the Rhode Island House
3 of Representatives in November of 2010; and

4 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House, Representative McLaughlin served in
5 myriad capacities including first Vice-Chair of the House Health and Human Services
6 Committee, second Vice-Chair of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, and as a member of
7 the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee, and Co-Chair of the Joint
8 Commission on Defense Economy Planning; and

9 WHEREAS, An avid supporter of his constituency, Representative McLaughlin
10 successfully coordinated and achieved the repairs and repaving of Marshall Avenue in
11 Cumberland, and the repairs and repaving of 35.8 miles of roads in Cumberland, through
12 extensive meetings with the Department of Transportation; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative McLaughlin has supported and sponsored myriad legislation
14 including new laws to toughen penalties for gang-related crime and programs to help Rhode
15 Islanders find and return to work. He also served our country with honor in the United States
16 Army and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His military experience gave him a
17 unique understanding of the needs of our State's veterans and to honor all five branches of the
18 military, he annually led the "Leap for Vets" event to raise money for the Rhode Island Military
19 Relief Fund; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition, Representative McLaughlin has sponsored legislation to
2 increase the cost-efficiency of our State’s school bus transportation plans, including legislation
3 allowing school districts to maintain an annual registry for students requiring bus transportation
4 to school; and

5 WHEREAS, Also active in his community, Representative McLaughlin is a member of
6 the South Attleboro Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Holy Name Society and the St.
7 Thomas Council. He is the devoted husband of Gilda Rose McLaughlin and together they have
8 three children; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative McLaughlin’s tireless devotion to the citizens of the Ocean
10 State have earned him our admiration, and he will most assuredly be missed; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 joins the family and many friends of the Honorable James McLaughlin in honoring his service to
13 the people of Rhode Island and wishing him good health, happiness and fulfillment in his future
14 endeavors; 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 James McLaughlin.

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