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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

**THANKING THE HONORABLE JOSEPH M. POLISENA FOR HIS NEARLY THIRTY
YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE**

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Costantino, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara,
Cardillo, Corvese, Slater, Diaz, and Azzinaro

Date Introduced: January 19, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Joseph Polisen a was born in Providence and raised in
2 Johnston. He graduated from Johnston High School in 1972, and the Community College of
3 Rhode Island in 1985 with an Associate degree in nursing, and Roger Williams University in
4 1988, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in health services; and

5 WHEREAS, Joseph Polisen a has been a hard worker his entire life. He was employed by
6 the Community College of Rhode Island as a registered nurse, worked as a nurse at Our Lady of
7 Fatima Hospital, and also worked as a firefighter for the Johnston Fire Department; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Polisen a began his distinguished public service career when he was
9 elected to serve the citizens of Johnston in the Rhode Island Senate in 1993, a position he held
10 from 1993 to 1999, and from 2001 to 2007, serving as a Deputy Majority Leader. He also served
11 on the State Commission to study making improvements to the State Fire Code following the
12 fatal 2003 Station Nightclub fire; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2006, Mr. Polisen a was elected as the 4th Mayor of Johnston, a position
14 he held for sixteen years. As Mayor, he was known for his tireless work ethic, impeccable
15 integrity, and his strong support for fiscal responsibility, and law and order. He has been a
16 beloved fixture within the Town of Johnston and his strong leadership skills were widely admired
17 by the Town's voters. He is married to Lucille "Lucy" Polisen a and is the proud father of the new
18 Mayor of the Town of Johnston, Joseph Polisen a, Jr.; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby

1 heartily thanks the Honorable Joseph M. Polisena for his nearly thirty years of exemplary and
2 meritorious public service and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Joseph M. Polisena.

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