

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING MICHAEL A. DILAURO, ESQ. ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Casimiro, Solomon, Knight,
McEntee, Craven, J. Lombardi, Baginski, and Corvese

Date Introduced: January 26, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, For more than forty-one years, the citizens of the Ocean State have been the
2 beneficiaries of the patience, wisdom, and abiding dedication to excellence that Attorney Michael
3 DiLauro always brought to his work as the Director of Training & Legislation Liaison with the
4 Rhode Island Public Defender's Office; and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to assuming his duties as Director, Mr. DiLauro was a member of the
6 Public Defender's Office Trial Team, where he had tried approximately sixty capital cases to
7 verdict, thus providing him with the invaluable knowledge and experience necessary to train other
8 attorneys; and

9 WHEREAS, In his position as Director, Mr. DiLauro was responsible for initiating
10 programs to train the department's attorneys, as well as advancing the department's legislative
11 agenda while keeping abreast of any legislation that would impact criminal law and procedure;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Director of Training & Legislation Liaison, Mr.
14 DiLauro was an invaluable member of myriad commissions and task forces including the
15 commission studying avenues to ensure racial equity and the optimization of health and safety
16 laws affecting marginalized individuals, and a Senate task force investigating and providing
17 recommendations for changes to the laws, court rules, and policies and procedures, to name but a
18 few of his legislative commitments; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. DiLauro had been the Public Defender's Office designee on

1 the multi-year task force that ultimately resulted in enacted legislation entitled, the
2 “Comprehensive Police Relationship Act” that addressed wide-ranging issues regarding racial
3 profiling; and

4 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Mr. DiLauro has continued to education and provide
5 training, consulting, and advocacy for individuals interested in and impacted by the justice system
6 through his company “The Just Criminal Justice Group, LLC”; and

7 WHEREAS, Michael DiLauro, Esq. has left a legacy of commitment to justice for the
8 people of our State and he is worthy of our emulation and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby honors and thanks Michael
10 DiLauro for more than forty-one years of dedicated service in the Office of the Rhode Island
11 Public Defender and wishing him continued success with new business “The Just Criminal
12 Justice Group”; 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 Michael A. DiLauro, Esq.

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