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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025**

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

**WELCOMING THE HONOURABLE BERNADETTE JORDAN, CONSUL GENERAL OF  
CANADA IN BOSTON TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, J. Brien, Chippendale, Phillips,  
Solomon, Fogarty, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, and Ajello

Date Introduced: January 23, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Bernadette Jordan grew up in a small fishing community on the South Shore  
2 of Nova Scotia. She began what would become a lifelong dedication to her community and  
3 Canada as a community volunteer while still in junior high school, and went on to attain her  
4 Bachelor's degree in Political Science from St. Francis Xavier University; and

5           WHEREAS, Consul General Jordan gained vast experience working in the field of  
6 economic development and in community news, where she spent almost 12 years as the special  
7 projects manager for newspaper publisher, Lighthouse Publishing. She later successfully worked  
8 in fund development with the Health Services Foundation of the South Shore; and

9           WHEREAS, In 2015, Consul General Jordan became the first woman elected to the seat  
10 of the federal riding of South Shore-St. Margarets in the House of Commons. She soon served as  
11 Chair of the Atlantic Liberal Caucus, and was Chair of Fisheries and Oceans. In 2019, she  
12 became the first Minister of Rural Economic Development, and was later named Minister of  
13 Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, which ultimately made her the first woman  
14 elected in Nova Scotia to hold a seat at the Cabinet table. In 2021, she returned to her fund  
15 development roots as the national director of philanthropy with Shelter Movers; and

16           WHEREAS, In 2023, the Honourable Bernadette Jordan was named Consul General of  
17 Canada in Boston, and is one of twelve Consulate Generals across the United States, with each  
18 representing a different region in our country. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the  
19 establishment of a Canadian Consulate in Boston which encompasses responsibilities and

1 engagement with the States of Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and  
2 Vermont; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently, Canada is the number one exporter for New England and  
4 experiences continuing growth in mutual supply chains with Rhode Island and our surrounding  
5 States; and

6 WHEREAS, With the admirable intent to work and explore such shared areas of interest  
7 including the Blue Economy and Ocean Protection, Consul General Jordan hopes to advance our  
8 shared values, priorities, and concerns on equality and climate change, to name but a few areas of  
9 mutual connection; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of her lifetime thus far, Consul General Jordan has received  
11 multiple awards in the areas of advertising, promotion, business campaigns and volunteerism,  
12 was the recipient of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia) for service to Nova Scotia  
13 and Canada, and has served with myriad community organizations; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
15 welcomes the Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Consul General of Canada in Boston to our State.  
16 We furthermore wish her good health, fulfillment, and much success as she works towards  
17 strengthening bilateral relationships for the betterment of Canada, New England, and the world  
18 community; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honourable Consul General Bernadette  
21 Jordan.

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