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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING KATHLEEN A. BROWN ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY
YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE RHODE ISLAND
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello,
Fellela, Noret, Cortvriend, McGaw, and Corvese

Date Introduced: January 30, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Kathleen A. Brown was born in Pawtucket, a beloved daughter of Eleanor
2 and the Honorable Henry S. Kinch; and

3 WHEREAS, Kathy has been a lifelong resident of the City of Pawtucket and excelled at
4 her studies and graduated from William E. Tolman Senior High School and Katharine Gibbs
5 School. Kathy was a leader in Tolman's exclusive and selective, young women's social group,
6 Tri-Hi-Y; and

7 WHEREAS, Fortune smiled on Kathy and the citizens of Rhode Island as she
8 commenced her distinguished public service career on October 27, 1984, when she accepted a
9 position to serve as a secretary for the Legislative Press Bureau. In 1990, Kathy transitioned to
10 the Legislative Data department, where she would remain until her retirement as Office Systems
11 Coordinator; and

12 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "KB", Kathy's many duties and responsibilities
13 cannot be counted, but included managing vendor schedules, budgetary planning, purchasing,
14 managing supply inventory, handling all Legislative Data customer service needs, and
15 maintaining Director Nicholas Budano's busy schedule; and

16 WHEREAS, It can be said of Kathy that she brought a jovial and positive temperament to
17 the Rhode Island State House work atmosphere. She was known for her pink trousseau and her
18 ability to lighten a subject with her humor. She did indeed keep the entire Legislative Data trains
19 running on time; and

1 WHEREAS, Among Kathy's many accomplishments was capturing the heart of Mr. John
2 Brown, III, a retired Pawtucket Police Officer. John and Kathy married in 1987; and

3 WHEREAS, John and Kathy moved to the Fairlawn Section and created a beautiful and
4 loving family. Kathy and John were blessed with John, IV, and Christopher Henry. Chris and his
5 wife Heather have since blessed the family with two grandchildren, Christopher and Henry; and

6 WHEREAS, Kathy's siblings include the Honorable Henry S. Kinch, Jr., the Honorable
7 Michael L. Kinch, Christopher D. Kinch, Annmarie Kinch McVay, and Marilee Kinch Arsenault,
8 along with their spouses; Jennifer S. Kinch, Karen L. Kinch, Cheryl M. Kinch, Allen McVay, and
9 Thomas "Vee" Arsenault and her many her nieces and nephews, all of whom wish her nothing
10 but the rest and relaxation she so richly deserves; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 congratulates Kathy Brown on her much deserved retirement and thank her for forty years of
13 service to the citizens of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island General Assembly. We wish her a
14 most happy, fulfilling, and healthy retirement, and continued success as she begins a new chapter
15 in her life which assuredly will be exciting and we will all assuredly be kept up to date on her
16 happenings; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Kathleen A. Brown.

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