

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING DR. JUANA PARILLON FOR HER NEARLY FORTY YEARS OF  
EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO OUR NATION AS BOTH A MARINE AND EQUAL  
OPPORTUNITY ADVISOR

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Batista, Felix, Chippendale, Shekarchi,  
Blazejewski, Santucci, Slater, Kennedy, and Ajello

Date Introduced: February 27, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Juana Parillon is a proud Dominican-American who immigrated to the  
2 United States at the young age of five years old. She was raised in a working- class community in  
3 the Providence area where she was taught and mentored about the important values of hard-work  
4 and integrity in living a meaningful and fulfilling life. She has lived her life grounded in a belief  
5 in three core principles, that humility strengthens us, honesty connects us, and trust bonds us; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Parillon is a distinguished Marine Corps veteran who served our nation  
7 with distinction for more than two decades in various leadership positions involving human  
8 relations, mediation, and conflict resolution. During her Marine Corps tenure, Dr. Parillon was  
9 one of only 37 equal opportunity advisors (EOA) in the United States Marine Corps. As an EOA,  
10 Dr. Parillon has developed and facilitated entry, mid-level and executive-level training programs,  
11 conducted organizational surveys and data analysis, overseen dispute resolutions and formulated  
12 policies and procedures for various organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2012, while serving in her position as an EOA at the Marine Corps  
14 Logistics Command, Dr. Parillon created and founded the Mentors in Action program in Albany,  
15 Georgia. This program allowed Marines to volunteer their time helping children in primary,  
16 secondary, and post-secondary schools within their communities. Dr. Parillon's innovative work  
17 with Mentors in Action earned her the honor of receiving Albany, Georgia's, Forty Under 40  
18 Award; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Jauna Parillon is a much-desired public speaker who has given several

1 notable keynote addresses and has served as a moderator at numerous public and private events.  
2 Dr. Parillon also serves as a mediator and conflict resolution consultant for organizations across  
3 the United States. She has also coached individuals, teams, and departments within the non-  
4 profit, corporate, military, and higher education sectors of the economy. Dr. Parillon is also the  
5 distinguished author of several published articles and is currently working on a co-authored book  
6 and a solo project to be released in 2026; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Juana Parillon holds several degrees including a Bachelor of Science  
8 degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland University College, a Master of Science  
9 degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Walden University, a Master of  
10 Business Administration degree from the George Washington University, and a Doctorate in  
11 Industrial and Organizational Psychology from Walden University; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
13 honors Dr. Juana Parillon for her nearly forty years of exemplary service to our nation as both a  
14 Marine and Equal Opportunity Advisor; 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 Dr. Juana Parillon.

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