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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: January 20, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It has been made known to the House that certain persons and organizations
2 are deserving of commendation; and

3 Paulette Carr, The Preservation Society of Newport County; the distinguished honor
4 being named the recipient of the Emerging Leader Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality
5 Association at the annual ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the
6 tourism sector;

7 Speaker Shekarchi

8 Natalia Miro, Beech Restaurant; the distinguished honor being named the recipient of the
9 Food Service Employee Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the annual
10 ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

11 Speaker Shekarchi

12 Mike Santucci, Renaissance Providence Downtown Hotel; the distinguished honor being
13 named the recipient of the Lodging Employee Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality
14 Association at the annual ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the
15 tourism sector;

16 Speaker Shekarchi

17 Rosa Lopez, The Chanler at Cliff Walk; the distinguished honor being named the
18 recipient of the Tourism Employee Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the
19 annual ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

20 Speaker Shekarchi

1 Newport Mansions, The Preservation Society of Newport County; the distinguished
2 honor being named the recipient of the Instagram Account Award by the Rhode Island
3 Hospitality Association at the annual ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and
4 excellence in the tourism sector;

5 Speaker Shekarchi

6 JAYD BUN; the distinguished honor being named the recipient of the Restaurant of the
7 Year Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the annual ANCHORS Award
8 ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

9 Speaker Shekarchi

10 Castle Hill Inn, Newport Restaurant Group; the distinguished honor being named the
11 recipient of the Hotel of the Year Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the
12 annual ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

13 Speaker Shekarchi

14 Track 15; the distinguished honor being named the recipient of the People's Choice
15 Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the annual ANCHORS Award ceremony
16 for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

17 Speaker Shekarchi

18 Joseph Caldarone, Iron Works Restaurant; the distinguished honor being named the
19 recipient of the Chef of the Year Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the annual
20 ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

21 Speaker Shekarchi

22 Juncal Mexican Grill & Bar; the distinguished honor being named the recipient of the
23 Newcomer Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the annual ANCHORS Award
24 ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

25 Speaker Shekarchi

26 Brands of Portugal; the distinguished honor being named the recipient of the Allied
27 Member Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the annual ANCHORS Award
28 ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

29 Speaker Shekarchi

30 Hope & Main; the distinguished honor being named the recipient of the Arthur Robbins
31 Community Service Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the annual
32 ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

33 Speaker Shekarchi

34 Jonathan Walker, Executive Director, RI Sports Commission, Providence Warwick

1 Convention & Visitors Bureau; the distinguished honor being named the recipient of the
2 Hospitality Champion Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the annual
3 ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

4 Speaker Shekarchi

5 The Trolls, South County Tourism Council; the distinguished honor being named the
6 recipient of the Must-See Attraction Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the
7 annual ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

8 Speaker Shekarchi

9 Chef Matthew Reilly, Newport Area Career and Technical Center; the distinguished
10 honor being named the recipient of the Teacher of the Year Award by the Rhode Island
11 Hospitality Association at the annual ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and
12 excellence in the tourism sector;

13 Speaker Shekarchi

14 Ella Murphy, Chariho Area & Technical Center; the distinguished honor being named the
15 recipient of the Student of the Year Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the
16 annual ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

17 Speaker Shekarchi

18 Gregg's Restaurants & Taverns Legacy Employees; the distinguished honor being named
19 the recipient of the President's Award by the Rhode Island Hospitality Association at the annual
20 ANCHORS Award ceremony for your dedication and excellence in the tourism sector;

21 Speaker Shekarchi

22 Kristen Adamo, President and CEO, Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors
23 Bureau; being honored at the Rhode Island Hospitality Association Annual ANCHORS Awards
24 ceremony for being the Chairperson of the Rhode Island Hospitality Association for your
25 dedication and excellence to the tourism sector;

26 Speaker Shekarchi

27 Dr. Rosemary Costigan, President, Community College of Rhode Island; being honored
28 at the Rhode Island Hospitality Association Annual ANCHORS Award ceremony for being the
29 Chairperson of the Rhode Island Hospitality Education Foundation for your dedication and
30 excellence to the tourism sector;

31 Speaker Shekarchi

32 Ben Murro; Scouting America, Pack 6, Narragansett Council; the distinguished honor of
33 attaining the Arrow of Light Rank in Scouting America's Cub Scout Program focusing on core
34 Scouting values, Duty to God, Citizenship, Outdoor Skills and Safety;

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Representative Paplauskas

Walker Shapiro; Scouting America, Pack 6, Narragansett Council; the distinguished honor of attaining the Arrow of Light Rank in Scouting America’s Cub Scout Program focusing on core Scouting values, Duty to God, Citizenship, Outdoor Skills and Safety;

Representative Paplauskas

Madelyn Fearon; Scouting America, Pack 6, Narragansett Council; the distinguished honor of attaining the Arrow of Light Rank in Scouting America’s Cub Scout Program focusing on core Scouting values, Duty to God, Citizenship, Outdoor Skills and Safety;

Representative Paplauskas

Joseph Johnson; Scouting America, Pack 6, Narragansett Council; the distinguished honor of attaining the Arrow of Light Rank in Scouting America’s Cub Scout Program focusing on core Scouting values, Duty to God, Citizenship, Outdoor Skills and Safety;

Representative Paplauskas

Zackary LeBlanc; Scouting America, Pack 6, Narragansett Council; the distinguished honor of attaining the Arrow of Light Rank in Scouting America’s Cub Scout Program focusing on core Scouting values, Duty to God, Citizenship, Outdoor Skills and Safety;

Representative Paplauskas

Jonah Lopez; Scouting America, Pack 6, Narragansett Council; the distinguished honor of attaining the Arrow of Light Rank in Scouting America’s Cub Scout Program focusing on core Scouting values, Duty to God, Citizenship, Outdoor Skills and Safety;

Representative Paplauskas

Giovanni Marzilli; Scouting America, Pack 6, Narragansett Council; the distinguished honor of attaining the Arrow of Light Rank in Scouting America’s Cub Scout Program focusing on core Scouting values, Duty to God, Citizenship, Outdoor Skills and Safety;

Representative Paplauskas

Ryan Morgan; Scouting America, Pack 6, Narragansett Council; the distinguished honor of attaining the Arrow of Light Rank in Scouting America’s Cub Scout Program focusing on core Scouting values, Duty to God, Citizenship, Outdoor Skills and Safety;

Representative Paplauskas

Jude Norberg; Scouting America, Pack 6, Narragansett Council; the distinguished honor of attaining the Arrow of Light Rank in Scouting America’s Cub Scout Program focusing on core Scouting values, Duty to God, Citizenship, Outdoor Skills and Safety;

Representative Paplauskas

James Parisi; your retirement after many years of dedication and faithful work on behalf

1 of the Rhode Island Teachers and Health Professionals;

2 Representative Fellela

3 Richard Vega, Community College of Rhode Island; your outstanding performance
4 during the National Cyber League (NCL) Fall 2025 Competition Season contributed to CCRI
5 ranking 29th nationally among over 8,520 students from 490 colleges and universities;

6 Representative Corvese

7 Fire Chief Michael DeMello, Bristol Fire Department; the outstanding achievement and
8 distinguished honor of being named as President of the Rhode Island Fire Chief's Association;

9 Representatives Donovan and Speakman

10 Andy Russ; your dance theatre performance, SLEEPWALKER, at Wilbury Theatre
11 Group and contributions to the local arts scene for over 35 years;

12 Representative Morales

13 Ms. Stephanie Bannon, Barrington Middle School, grades 7/8; Excellence in Teaching
14 and Inspiring Students for the Annual Soul Force ART Contest celebrating Civil Rights;

15 Representatives Boylan and Knight

16 Ms. Christine Giampietro, Nayatt School, grade 1; Excellence in Teaching and Inspiring
17 Students for the Annual Soul Force ART Contest celebrating Civil Rights;

18 Representatives Boylan and Knight

19 Ms. Rebecca Silva, Sowams School, Kindergarten; Excellence in Teaching and Inspiring
20 Students for the Annual Soul Force ART Contest celebrating Civil Rights;

21 Representatives Boylan and Knight

22 Ms. Abigail Lippe, Primrose School, grade 3; Excellence in Teaching and Inspiring
23 Students for the Annual Soul Force ART Contest celebrating Civil Rights;

24 Representatives Boylan and Knight

25 Ms. Melissa Bento, Barrington Middle School, grade 7; Excellence in Teaching and
26 Inspiring Students for the Annual Soul Force ART Contest celebrating Civil Rights;

27 Representatives Boylan and Knight

28 Ms. Maribeth Promades, Sowams School, grade 2; Excellence in Teaching and Inspiring
29 Students for the Annual Soul Force ART Contest celebrating Civil Rights;

30 Representatives Boylan and Knight

31 Gabriel Nahod, Community College of Rhode Island; your outstanding performance
32 during the National Cyber League (NCL) Fall 2025 Competition Season contributed to CCRI
33 ranking 29th nationally among over 8,520 students and 490 colleges and universities;

34 Representative Bennett

1 Paul Lussier, Cercle Laurier; the distinguished honor of being elected to the position of
2 Incoming President of the Cercle Laurier;
3 Representatives Phillips, Casey and Brien
4 Jason Nichols, Cercle Laurier; the distinguished honor of being elected to the position of
5 Incoming Vice President of the Cercle Laurier;
6 Representatives Phillips, Casey and Brien
7 Jon Lanctot, Cercle Laurier; the distinguished honor of being elected to the position of
8 Incoming Financial Secretary of the Cercle Laurier;
9 Representatives Phillips, Casey and Brien
10 Roger “Slim” Lambert, Cercle Laurier; the distinguished honor of being elected to the
11 position of Treasure of the Cercle Laurier;
12 Representatives Phillips, Casey and Brien
13 Mike Richer, Cercle Laurier; the distinguished honor of being elected to the position of
14 Incoming Recording Secretary of the Cercle Laurier;
15 Representatives Phillips, Casey and Brien
16 Captain Eric DiRosario, Cumberland Fire Department; your outstanding courage and
17 bravery providing the people of the Town of Cumberland, Rhode Island with exceptional public
18 safety;
19 Representative Ackerman
20 Carmen Cadotte; the distinguished honor of receiving the “Barbara Colt Perseverance”
21 Award from the RI Womxn Project;
22 Representative Morales
23 Kirk Loiselle, Director, Scituate Department of Public Works; your retirement after many
24 years of dedicated, faithful and distinguished service to the people of the town of Scituate as the
25 Director Public Works;
26 Representative Quattrocchi
27 Camilo Tamup, Mayor of Chinique, Quiché; congratulations on all your hard work on
28 behalf of the State of Rhode Island;
29 Representative Sanchez
30 Centenario Convite-14 de Enero; congratulations on all your hard work on behalf of the
31 State of Rhode Island;
32 Representative Sanchez
33 Bruce Messier; the distinguished honor of being named President of the Board Directors
34 of the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket;

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Representative Messier

Nicholas Sanzi; the outstanding academic achievement and distinguished honor of being
a recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship for the Class of 2026;

Representative Caldwell

Tori Hong; congratulations on the opening of your art installation, “For the Time Beings”
at OPEN in Providence;

Representative Morales

Jose Carlos Pastrana Díaz, Cuba Barber Shop; congratulations on all your hard work on
behalf of the State of Rhode Island;

Representative Sanchez

Big Feeling Ice Cream; congratulations on celebrating one year of serving ice cream and
treats to our Providence neighbors;

Representative Morales

Thomas Mears, East Greenwich Fire Department; your retirement after many years of
dedicated, faithful and distinguished service protecting the life and property for the people of East
Greenwich as a member of the East Greenwich Fire Department;

Representative Shanley

Damian Raposa, Community College of Rhode Island; the distinguished honor and
outstanding performance competing in the National Cyber League Fall 2025 Competition Season
and completing real-world cybersecurity tasks that professionals perform daily;

Speaker Shekarchi

Wade Chmielinski; the distinguished honor and outstanding performance during the
National Cyber League (NCL) Fall 2025 Competition Season contributed to CCRI ranking 29th
nationally among over 8,520 students and 490 colleges and universities;

Representative Newberry

Freeway Car Wash; celebrating the Grand Opening of Freeway Car Wash at 801
Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, Rhode Island;

Representative Paplauskas

Pam Kelley, Point Association, Newport, Rhode Island; your countless hours writing its
By-Laws; serving on its Board; and authoring the Points of Interest newsletter, thereby preserving
in its members involvement, and concern for, this historic community;

Representative Carson

The Hopkinton Regional Community Center; the opening of the community learning
center in conjunction with Learn365RI as an investment in education while establishing a public

1 space for workforce development, community meetings, senior activities & recreation;

2 Representative Kennedy

3 John Megrdochian, State of Rhode Island; your retirement after many years of dedicated
4 and faithful service to the people of the State of Rhode Island as Assistant Director of Financial
5 and Contract Management for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation;

6 Speaker Shekarchi

7 Ethan Hoag, Boys Scouts of America; the distinction and honor of attaining the rank of
8 Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America for your commitment and dedication to the values of
9 Scouting, Citizenship, Character and Fitness;

10 Representative Carson

11 Mike King, Hendricken High School Class of 2013; the privilege and honor of Bishop
12 Hendricken High School retiring your #14 Baseball Jersey on January 12, 2026;

13 Representative Soloman

14 Robert J. Nero, Chairman, Pawtuxet River Authority; your many years of dedication and
15 commitment to preservation of the environment and quality of life for the people of the State of
16 Rhode Island;

17 Representative Paplauskas

18 Kiley Lynch and Gloria Solis; celebrating the joyous and momentous occasion of your
19 Wedding Engagement in December 2025;

20 Representative Corvese

21 Cameron Lynch and Maria Zapata; celebrating the joyous and momentous occasion of
22 your Wedding Engagement in December 2025;

23 Representative Corvese

24 Head Coach Michael Washington, Central High School Football; your outstanding
25 athletic achievement of winning the 2025 Rhode Island Division 1 Football Super Bowl
26 Championship;

27 Representative Sanchez

28 Marty Gaughan, Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy; the outstanding achievement
29 and distinguished honor of your graduation from the 145th Class of the Rhode Island Municipal
30 Police Academy on December 19, 2025;

31 Representative Shallcross Smith

32 Robert J. Annis, Boy Scout Troop 6, Bristol; the distinction and honor of attaining the
33 rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America for your commitment and dedication to the
34 values of Scouting, Citizenship, Character and Fitness;

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Representative Donovan

Capeverdean American Community Development, Pawtucket; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural Grant Program;

Speaker Shekarchi

The Sandra Feimstein-Gamm Theatre, Warwick; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural Grant Program;

Speaker Shekarchi

Linden Place, Bristol; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural Grant Program;

Speaker Shekarchi

Southside Cultural Center of Rhode Island, Providence; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural Grant Program;

Speaker Shekarchi

Newport Art Museum, Newport; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural Grant Program;

Speaker Shekarchi

Preserve RI for the Lippitt House Museum, Providence; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural Grant Program;

Speaker Shekarchi

South County Art Association, Kingston; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural Grant Program;

Speaker Shekarchi

Newport Historical Society, Newport; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural Grant Program;

Speaker Shekarchi

DownCity Design, Providence; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural

1 Grant Program;

2 Speaker Shekarchi

3 La Farge Restoration Fund at Newport Congregational Church, Newport; receiving the

4 Grant Award from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements

5 through the voter-approved State Cultural Grant Program;

6 Speaker Shekarchi

7 The Greenwich Odeum, East Greenwich; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode

8 Island State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State

9 Cultural Grant Program;

10 Speaker Shekarchi

11 The Granite Theatre, Westerly; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State

12 Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural

13 Grant Program;

14 Speaker Shekarchi

15 Oasis International, Providence; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State

16 Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural

17 Grant Program;

18 Speaker Shekarchi

19 Riverzedge Arts Project, Woonsocket; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island

20 State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State

21 Cultural Grant Program;

22 Speaker Shekarchi

23 Newport Classical, Newport; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State

24 Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural

25 Grant Program;

26 Speaker Shekarchi

27 Artist' Exchange, Cranston; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island State

28 Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State Cultural

29 Grant Program;

30 Speaker Shekarchi

31 South County Museum, Narragansett; receiving the Grant Award from the Rhode Island

32 State Council on the Arts to make capital improvements through the voter-approved State

33 Cultural Grant Program;

34 Speaker Shekarchi

1 Ann Barbieri; the joyous and momentous occasion of celebrating a Happy 80th Birthday
2 on December 30, 2025;

3 Representative Lima

4 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby extends to the aforesaid persons
and organizations its very best wishes on this memorable occasion and expresses the hope for
continued good fortune; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is respectfully requested to
9 transmit a properly inscribed citation to each of the aforesaid.

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