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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 Calderone, 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

29 Speaker Shekarchi

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;

## 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;

## 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;

## 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;

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;

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;

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;

## 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;

## Representative Paplauskas

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

## Representative Paplauskas

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

## Representative Paplauskas

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

## Representative Paplauskas

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

## Representative Paplauskas

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

Representative Paplauskas

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

## Representative Paplauskas

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

## Representative Paplauskas

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

Representative Paplauskas

34 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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;

## Representative Messier

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

## Representative Caldwell

5 Tori Hong; congratulations on the opening of your art installation, "For the Time Beings"  
6 at OPEN in Providence;

## Representative Morales

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

Representative Sanchez

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

## Representative Morales

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

## Representative Shanley

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

## Speaker Shekarchi

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

25 Representative Newberry

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

28 Representative Paplauskas

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

32 Representative Carson

33 The Hopkinton Regional Community Center; the opening of the community learning  
34 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 Megrdichian, 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 Solomon

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 145<sup>th</sup> 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;

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

5 Speaker Shekarchi

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

9 Speaker Shekarchi

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

12 Speaker Shekarchi

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

16 Speaker Shekarchi

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

20 Speaker Shekarchi

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

24 Speaker Shekarchi

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

28 Speaker Shekarchi

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

32 Speaker Shekarchi

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

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 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
2   on December 30, 2025;

3 Representative Lima

## 4 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby extends to the aforesaid persons  
6    and organizations its very best wishes on this memorable occasion and expresses the hope for  
7    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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