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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

# WELCOMING AND CONGRATULATING DR. IOANNIS MIAOULIS ON BECOMING THE 11TH PRESIDENT OF ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, Donovan, Kennedy, Shekarchi, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

WHEREAS, On Wednesday February 13, 2019, the Roger Williams University Board of 1 2 Trustees announced the selection of Ioannis Miaoulis to become the 11th President of Roger 3 Williams University; and 4 WHEREAS, Originally from Greece, Dr. Miaoulis holds three degrees from Tufts University, a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering, a Master's degree in 5 6 economics, and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering. He also received a Master's degree in 7 mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and 8 WHEREAS, Holding myriad positions during his impressive career, Dr. Miaoulis had 9 served as the Boston Museum of Science's President and Director since 2003. During his tenure 10 at the museum, he is credited with overseeing the museum's largest-ever capital campaign; and 11 WHEREAS, Prior to his tenure at the Museum, Dr. Miaoulis served as Dean of the 12 engineering school at Tufts University and is a longtime advocate of science education; and 13 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by his peers, Dr. Miaoulis was elected to the Tufts University Board of Trustees, the Wellesley College Board of Trustees, and was a 14 15 Presidential Appointee to the National Board of Museum and Library Services; and WHEREAS, Dr. Miaoulis has also earned a plethora of awards and recognitions 16 including, the Presidential Young Investigator Award, the Allan MacLeod Cormack Award for 17 18 Excellence in Collaborative Research, the William P. Desmond Award for Outstanding

Contributions to Public Education, and Tufts University Alumni Association's Outstanding

- 1 Service Award, to name but a few. In addition, he has published more than 100 research papers,
- 2 and holds two patents; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Miaoulis is eminently deserving of the leadership and trust he has been
- 4 afforded, and his unmitigated faith in education, unwavering determination, and work ethic has
- 5 wholly distinguished him as a person worthy of our recognition; now, therefore be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
- 7 Providence Plantations hereby honors and commends Dr. Ioannis Miaoulis on becoming the 11th
- 8 President of Roger Williams University; and be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Ioannis Miaoulis.

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