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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING DR. FRANK D. SÁNCHEZ ON HIS INAUGURATION AS THE 10TH  
PRESIDENT OF RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Donovan, O'Brien, and Bennett

Date Introduced: February 15, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, To the very good fortune of students, staff, and administrators, Dr. Frank D.  
2   Sánchez became the tenth President of Rhode Island College, our state's first public college, in  
3   July of 2016. The 17<sup>th</sup> of February marks his official inauguration with an Installation Ceremony  
4   held at Roberts Hall on the College's campus; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Frank Sánchez, is one of four children  
6   born to a Mexican immigrant and a high-school dropout; but his parents knew the value of  
7   education. His mother later earned her associate's degree and his father went on to earn a Master's  
8   degree in education; and

9           WHEREAS, From these humble and inspiring beginnings, Dr. Sánchez earned his  
10   Bachelor's degree in Psychology with minors in Communications and Ethnic Studies from the  
11   University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He attained his Master's degree in Student Affairs and Higher  
12   Education from Colorado State University, and was granted his Ph.D. in Higher Education  
13   Administration with a concentration in Learning, Cognition and Instruction from Indiana  
14   University-Bloomington; and

15           WHEREAS, During his more than twenty years in education, Dr. Sánchez earned the  
16   respect of his colleagues in the higher education community. He has been honored with myriad  
17   awards including being named Pillar of the Profession in 2017, receiving the Public Service  
18   Award from Transitional Services for New York, Inc., in 2016, being named Educator of the  
19   Year by the Selective Corporate Internship Program, and receiving the ADA25 Champion Award

1 from Laguardia Community College in 2015, to name just a few; and

2 WHEREAS, On May 11, 2016, after a five-month search process, The Council on  
3 Postsecondary Education unanimously named Frank Sánchez, Ph.D., as the 10<sup>th</sup> President of  
4 Rhode Island College. He had previously served as Vice Chancellor for student affairs at the City  
5 University of New York; and

6 WHEREAS, The Council's decision was based on Dr. Sánchez's overall commitment to  
7 students, and specifically, they "were impressed with his track record in implementing effective  
8 student success and enrollment management initiatives as well as his history of leadership in  
9 supporting innovative teaching and learning efforts while expanding financial resources for  
10 students"; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Sánchez currently oversees the annual operating budget of more than  
12 \$190 million at the 162 year old institution, as well as the 12,000 students on campus and across  
13 the state; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
15 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Dr. Frank D. Sánchez on being inaugurated as the  
16 10<sup>th</sup> President of Rhode Island College. He is a paradigm of the very best leadership qualities and  
17 we wish him continued success, fulfillment, and good health; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Frank D. Sánchez, President of Rhode  
20 Island College.

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