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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

THANKING AND CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE M. TERESA PAIVA WEED  
FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Edwards, Morgan, and Filippi

Date Introduced: March 28, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed was born and raised in the City of  
2 Newport. She is the daughter of Arthur and Marie Paiva, who were both very active in the  
3 community, the mother of Nicole Beede, and was married to the late Mark Weed. She is a  
4 graduate of Rogers High School and received her Bachelor's degree from Providence College and  
5 her Juris Doctor from Catholic University; and

6           WHEREAS, In January of 1993, the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed was sworn in as a  
7 Rhode Island Senator, representing the people of Newport and Jamestown in District 13, a  
8 position she has been re-elected to and held for more than twenty-four years; and

9           WHEREAS, Throughout her years in the Senate, the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed  
10 worked diligently on myriad issues, including education, health care and economic growth, and  
11 steadily earned the admiration of her colleagues and advancement within Senate leadership. She  
12 served as the Senate's first female Chair of the Judiciary Committee, as Deputy Chair of the  
13 Finance Subcommittee on Public Safety and the Environment, as Vice Chair of the Senate  
14 Finance Committee, and as Rhode Island's first female Senate Majority Leader; and

15           WHEREAS, In January of 2009, the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed was elected by  
16 her fellow Senators to serve as President of the Senate, the first woman in Rhode Island's history  
17 to serve in that capacity, and a position she held for more than eight years; and

18           WHEREAS, On March 22nd of 2017, President Paiva Weed announced her pending  
19 departure from the General Assembly. She has been named President of the Hospital Association

1 of Rhode Island, the first woman to hold this title and a richly deserved accomplishment; and

2 WHEREAS, The Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed will leave an indelible mark on the  
3 colleagues and legislators who have had the good fortune to work by her side. Her numerous  
4 years of devoted service to the Rhode Island Senate and the citizens of the Ocean State serve as  
5 an inspiration and a role model of conscientious civic service; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
7 Providence Plantations hereby thanks and congratulates the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed as  
8 she embarks on the next chapter of her life and service to the people of Rhode Island as President  
9 of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island. We wish her much success, happiness and good  
10 health; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable M. Teresa Paiva Weed.

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