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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

THANKING THE HONORABLE GINA RAIMONDO FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND CONGRATULATING HER ON BEING NAMED COMMERCE SECRETARY FOR THE UNITED STATES

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Diaz, Ruggiero, McNamara, Kazarian, McEntee, Caldwell, Abney, and Speakman

Date Introduced: March 02, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Gina Raimondo grew up in the Town of Smithfield, the
2 youngest child in a loving and close-knit Italian-American family, that not only shaped her values
3 but also gave her the impetus to succeed; and

4 WHEREAS, Preparing for what has become a brilliant and efficacious career, the
5 Honorable Gina Raimondo attended LaSalle Academy, graduating as the class valedictorian,
6 received her Bachelor's degree with honors from Harvard, earned a coveted Rhodes Scholarship
7 to Oxford University, where she attained her doctorate, and received her Juris Doctor from Yale
8 Law School; and

9 WHEREAS, In November of 2010, the Honorable Gina Raimondo was elected to serve
10 as the State's General Treasurer, where she gained nation-wide acclaim for instituting
11 reformations to the State's unfunded pension liability; and

12 WHEREAS, In January of 2015, the Honorable Gina Raimondo was sworn in as the 75th
13 Governor of the State of Rhode Island and became the first woman to serve in that capacity. In
14 order to build a more robust and equitable state, she focused on improving the State's economy,
15 with significant investments in infrastructure, education, and job training; and

16 WHEREAS, During her tenure, Governor Raimondo faced the historic COVID-19
17 pandemic with the foresight and initiative to handle the enormity of the day-to-day
18 responsibilities of overseeing the safety of our State's citizenry, mitigating the economic impact
19 on the state's businesses, and initiating essential life and death medical responses and protocols;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The accomplishments and eminent qualifications of the Honorable Gina
3 Raimondo stand as testament to her abilities to effectively and laudably administrate and lead. In
4 February of 2021, Rhode Island's loss became our country's gain as those capabilities were
5 acknowledged on the national level when she was confirmed as the United States Secretary of
6 Commerce; and

7 WHEREAS, The Honorable Gina Raimondo's success has not simply been a result of her
8 immense talents, but is also due to her inner strength, her honor, and her focus and determination.
9 She is a true leader who has achieved successes that very few people would have even dared to
10 imagine and she is eminently worthy of our gratitude and respect; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 honors, thanks, and congratulates the Honorable Gina Raimondo. We moreover wish her good
13 health, much happiness, and continued success in her future role as the United States Secretary of
14 Commerce; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Gina Raimondo.

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