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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING JOHN LANNI, ESQ., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Kazarian, Filippi,
Kennedy, Ackerman, Amore, Solomon, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: April 13, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Whether it is in the chamber or in the various offices that support the
2 legislative process, the extraordinary commitment of individuals who share their time, talents and
3 knowledge is one of the most valued assets for the General Assembly; and

4 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from North Providence High School, John Lanni attended
5 Providence College, earning his degree cum laude in Political Science. Continuing his education,
6 he received his Juris Doctor cum laude from Suffolk University Law School in 1984; and

7 WHEREAS, To the immense good fortune of the Rhode Island General Assembly, John
8 began his long and varied employment with the legislature in 1977. Multi-talented, he held
9 numerous positions including working as a part-time paralegal, head proofer, and staff attorney;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, On December 7, 1999, John became Legal Counsel in the Office of
12 Legislative Council. Although he has generally maintained an "under the radar" persona, his
13 expertise soon earned him myriad additional responsibilities as a Supervisor, Reviewer, and
14 Senior Staff Attorney. In addition to his long hours at the State House, he has also maintained a
15 private practice in the City of East Providence; and

16 WHEREAS, John's longevity in Legislative Council has been an essential resource for
17 the General Assembly. His review and revision of bills to be introduced, and the guidance and
18 training he has provided to new lawyers has proven to be a beneficial and positive influence due
19 to the depth of his knowledge and legal acumen; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout his years in Legislative Council, John's amiable personality has
2 earned him the respect and friendship of staff and legislators alike. With self-effacing charm and
3 unabashed wit, he has not only been essential to the efficient operations of Legislative Council
4 but also to the morale and team spirit of the office during the often-long hours; and

5 WHEREAS, A consummate professional, John takes pride in his appearance, often
6 sporting monogrammed dress shirts and snappy ties, although his overzealous visits to his hair
7 stylist have often resulted in disappointment from various members of staff; and

8 WHEREAS, The General Assembly, the Office of Legislative Council, and the people of
9 the State of Rhode Island have all benefitted from the extensive tenure and talents of John Lanni.
10 He is eminently worthy of our gratitude and admiration and his departure from the State House
11 will be keenly felt for many sessions to come; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
13 recognizes and thanks John Lanni for his many years of dedicated service to the Office of
14 Legislative Council and the Rhode Island General Assembly and moreover wishes him the well-
15 earned time to spend with Pam at their beautiful and scenic home, play unlimited rounds of golf,
16 and cruise around in his Porsche convertible; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. John Lanni, Esq.

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