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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 DAVID S. LAUTERBACH, MSW, ACSW, LICSW, AND
PRESIDENT/CEO OF THE KENT CENTER FOR HUMAN AND ORGANIZATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF
DISTINGUISHED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITHIN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
PROFESSION

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, McNamara, Shanley, Shekarchi, and Vella-
Wilkinson

Date Introduced: May 24, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, David S. Lauterbach, an esteemed behavioral health professional, is retiring
2 after more than forty years of tireless service. He has worked as both a direct service provider and
3 as an administrator within the behavioral health field. He has also served as a consultant locally
4 and nationally on issues relating to efficiently providing care for children and families needing
5 behavioral health assistance. He has also advised leaders on issues related to trauma care and
6 services as well as the treatment of co-occurring disorders; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Lauterbach graduated from Springfield College with a Bachelor's
8 degree in 1968, and the Syracuse University School of Social Work with an MSW degree in
9 1971. While attending school, he worked at Springfield Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts, in
10 the Psychiatric Unit from 1968 to 1969, and at St Joseph's Hospital, Psychiatric Services, in
11 Syracuse, New York; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Lauterbach's professional career within the behavioral health field
13 began in 1971, when he was hired as a Psychiatric Social Worker at the Guidance Center in New
14 Rochelle, New York. In 1972, he was hired to serve as a Community Services Coordinator for the
15 United Methodist Youth Center in Williamsville, New York. From 1973 to 1979 he was
16 employed in a panoply of administrative positions, including Designer and Director of the
17 Adolescent Demonstration Project, and Supervising Social Worker with the Hutchings
18 Psychiatric Center in Syracuse, New York, as Chief Psychiatric Social Worker for the Madison

1 County Mental Health Department, and as the Director of Cedar House in Oneida, New York,
2 where he designed and implemented a model rural psycho-social rehabilitation clubhouse based
3 on the Fountain House Model; and

4 WHEREAS, From 1979 to 1988, Mr. Lauterbach served as an Administrator for the
5 Herbert Lipton Community Mental Health Center in Massachusetts. From 1979 to 1986, he
6 became the Director of the Community Treatment Program and was responsible for delivering a
7 comprehensive Community Support System for persons suffering from mental illness, and their
8 families. From 1986 to 1989, he served as the Associate Executive Director and was responsible
9 for four community-based outpatient clinics with a budget of \$5 million dollars. He was also
10 charged with providing executive and clinical leadership to the community mental health center;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, To the good fortune of the State of Rhode Island and its citizenry, in 1988
13 Mr. Lauterbach was named the President/CEO of the Kent County Center for Human and
14 Organizational Development, a position he has held for more than 28 years. In his leadership
15 position, he has been responsible for the operation of a CARF certified comprehensive
16 community based behavioral healthcare organization that delivers high-quality care in numerous
17 service fields including substance abuse, mental health, housing, educational services and,
18 starting in 2011, primary care. Most importantly, Mr. Lauterbach is a dedicated professional who
19 has worked tirelessly to deliver quality services within a compassionate delivery system to those
20 suffering from behavioral health afflictions and their loved ones. He has been a vocal supporter
21 and advocate on behalf of those in need of better care and has earned the respect, trust and
22 admiration of all those he has worked with and served; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Lauterbach has earned numerous recognitions and awards in honor of
24 his outstanding service including the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Syracuse University
25 School of Social Work in 1996, the B.E.S.T. award for Multi-Agency Collaboration from the
26 Rhode Island Department of Special Education in 1996, the Outstanding Leadership Award from
27 the Warwick Rotary in 1995, and the Non-Profit Leader of the Year Award from the Central
28 Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce in 2002; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Lauterbach has held numerous faculty appointments including serving
30 as an Associate in Psychiatry at the University of Massachusetts Medical School from 1980 to
31 1988, an Adjunct Faculty member at Fitchburg State College, School of Human Services from
32 1986 to 1988, an Adjunct Faculty member at Boston University, School of Social Work, from
33 1985 to 1986, and a Clinical Associate at Boston University, Sargent College, Department of
34 Rehabilitative Counseling; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Lauterbach has served as a member of numerous charitable and
2 professional organizations including the Rhode Island Council of Community Mental Health
3 Organizations, where he served as President from 1998 to 2000, President/CEO of the Quality
4 Care Company, LLC, from 1999 to 2001, Chairman, Board of Directors, of the Central Rhode
5 Island Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of the Warwick Coalition to Prevent Child Abuse,
6 from 1988 to 1993, Member of the Governor's Advisory Committee on HIV and AIDS, from
7 1995 to 2001, Chair of the Children's Committee, Rhode Island Council of Community Mental
8 Health Organizations, and the Founder of the Coalition for Abuse Recognition and Recovery. He
9 also served many other prominent civil organizations; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
11 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Mr. David S. Lauterbach on his retirement after forty
12 years of distinguished and exemplary service within the behavioral health profession; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. David S. Lauterbach.

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