

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING MATT SHEAFF FOR HIS EIGHT YEARS OF
DEDICATED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE IN STATE GOVERNMENT AND HIS
SERVICE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Solomon, Ackerman, Kennedy, Rea, Boylan, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: January 25, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Matt Sheaff, a graduate of St. Anselm College in Manchester, New
2 Hampshire, has an impressive career record of outstanding government service, particularly in the
3 fields of health care and early education. He has held senior communications positions in both
4 state and federal government and is widely admired for his tireless work ethic and expertise on
5 healthcare issues; and

6 WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, Mr. Sheaff served as the Communications Advisor to
7 Rhode Island Commerce, where he has been admired by his supervisors and colleagues for his
8 preparedness, his ability to juggle competing tasks, demands and responsibilities, and for being a
9 thoughtful team player at all times. He worked closely with the Rhode Island Department of
10 Education and other agencies to build workers skill levels and coordinating efforts to improve and
11 expand Rhode Island's skill-training programs. He currently serves as a Senior Communications
12 Advisor in the Office of Governor Daniel J. McKee; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheaff has also served as the Director of Communications for the Office
14 of the Massachusetts State Treasurer, and as the Director of Communications for the Executive
15 Office of Housing and Economic Development under Governor Deval Patrick. At all times, he
16 served the public with abiding integrity and was a passionate advocate on behalf of social justice
17 and equality; and

18 WHEREAS, Prior to his service in Massachusetts, Mr. Sheaff served as a Senior
19 Communications Advisor at the Office of Head Start within the United States Department Health

1 and Human Services under President Barack Obama, where he specialized in issues relating to
2 early education for the agency; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Sheaff has also served in high leadership positions with Maryland
4 Governor Martin O'Malley, the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs, and the
5 Strong American Schools Campaign. Politically active for much of his life, he also worked in
6 New Hampshire on a Presidential Campaign; and

7 WHEREAS, Always active in his community, Mr. Sheaff has supported myriad
8 charitable and civic endeavors. He served as a mentor for Team for Kids, and currently serves as
9 a member of the Board of Directors for the Providence Children's Museum; and

10 WHEREAS, Having battled major health issues in his life, Matt Sheaff has great
11 compassion for those facing their own healthcare challenges, and has always advocated on their
12 behalf, both in his professional and personal life. Today he regularly runs marathons raising
13 money for nonprofits; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby honors and congratulates Matt
15 Sheaf for his eight years of exemplary service in State government and the Federal government
16 and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

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

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