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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**THANKING THE HONORABLE SCOTT AVEDISIAN FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED
AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS A MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE RHODE
ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Solomon, Morgan, Serpa, and McNamara

Date Introduced: May 31, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Scott Avedisian was appointed to the Rhode Island Public
2 Transit Authority (RIPTA) Board of Directors in 2011, and shortly thereafter was appointed to
3 serve as RIPTA's Chairman in 2012. In his capacity as Chairman, he inherited an agency that was
4 plagued by large deficits and security breach issues; and

5 WHEREAS, Under the supervision, guidance and leadership provided by Chairman
6 Avedisian, the RIPTA Board of Directors and staff worked tirelessly to address each of these
7 issues. The security breaches were resolved and RIPTA, an agency with a long record of having
8 annual deficits, began on a path that has led the Authority to finishing the current fiscal year in
9 the black; and

10 WHEREAS, Thanks to the inventive ideas promulgated and implemented by Chairman
11 Avedisian, RIPTA has attained numerous other achievements during his tenure as Chairman
12 including launching the R-Line, a fast bus route that runs every ten minutes from the Cranston-
13 Providence line to downtown Pawtucket. Other key achievements include the adoption of Transit
14 Signal Priority (TSP) technology to allow buses to communicate wirelessly with traffic signals
15 on their routes in order to improve their time performances, and placing security cameras on all
16 buses and RIPTA properties; and

17 WHEREAS, Thanks to Chairman Avedisian's steady direction and innovative policies, in
18 2014 RIPTA was ranked as the seventh fastest growing transit authority in the nation amongst
19 similar sized agencies by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA); now,

1 therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Honorable Scott Avedisian for his years of
4 meritorious and exemplary service as a member, and as Chairman, of the Rhode Island Public
5 Transit Authority Board of Directors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Scott Avedisian, Mayor of
8 Warwick, Rhode Island.

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