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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DANIEL J. MCKEE ON BECOMING THE GOVERNOR OF THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Ruggiero, McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Algieri

Date Introduced: March 09, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Governor Daniel McKee is a person with vast public service experience,
2 having served in local government as a member of the Cumberland Town Council from 1992 to
3 2008, and as the Mayor of Cumberland twice, first from 2001 to 2005, and later from 2007 to
4 2016. He has also served our State in an executive capacity as Rhode Island's 69th Lieutenant
5 Governor from 2015 to 2021; and

6 WHEREAS, Governor McKee was born in Cumberland to a family that has owned and
7 operated a small business for more than one hundred years. He graduated from Cumberland High
8 School, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Assumption College, and holds a Master of
9 Public Administration degree from the Harvard Kennedy School; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor McKee has had a long and successful business career, serving as
11 an officer of McKee Brothers, an air conditioning, heating, and oil delivery business, and ran a
12 health and fitness business for more than thirty years; and

13 WHEREAS, In his time as the Mayor of Cumberland, Governor McKee successfully
14 collaborated with federal and state officials to minimize the damage from the historic flooding
15 that hit Cumberland and other parts of Rhode Island in 2010. As Lieutenant Governor, he served
16 as the Chair of the National Lieutenant Governors Association, Co-Chair of the NLGA's Energy
17 Committee, and as a member of its Education Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, Governor McKee has focused much of his energies as an elected official on
19 growing the economy and creating an environment and climate in which small businesses can

1 thrive and job opportunities are abundant. He has also been a tireless champion of Rhode Island's
2 Cities and Towns; and

3 WHEREAS, Governor McKee coached basketball, both boys and girls, at all levels, and
4 won two State AAU Basketball Championships in 1998 and 2000. He has also served as a
5 member of the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Cumberland-Lincoln for twenty-
6 five years. He is married to Susan and has two adult children, Matt and Kara; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates Daniel
8 McKee on becoming the 76th Governor of the State of Rhode Island. We wish him well and look
9 forward to working with him to solve the difficult problems facing the State of Rhode Island; and
10 be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode
13 Island, Mr. Daniel J. McKee.

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