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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

**HONORING CARMEN DIAZ-JUSINO FOR HER DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS CAREER
AND REQUESTING THAT THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION GIVE HER
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION FOR THE POSITION OF SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR NEW ENGLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Cano, Quezada, Ciccone, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: May 14, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Jusino graduated from the Community College of Rhode Island in
2 1996, with an Associate's Degree in Social Studies, the Universidad del Caribe in Santo
3 Domingo, Dominican Republic, in 2004, with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, graduating
4 Magna Cum Laude, and from Springfield College in 2014 with a Master of Science Degree with
5 a concentration in Organizational Management and Leadership, graduating with the Highest
6 Honors; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Jusino began her exemplary professional career serving as a Business
8 Development & Training Specialist for the Center for Women & Enterprise from 2006 to 2008.
9 She had many duties including teaching classes for the Community Entrepreneurs Program,
10 outreach, logistics, and coordinating client consulting and mentoring programs. She was
11 promoted to the position of Program Director for the Center where, amongst her many
12 responsibilities, she administered all business and entrepreneurship education and training
13 programs, and represented the organization at community and networking events and in print,
14 radio and television media outlets; and

15 WHEREAS, From 2011 to 2015, Ms. Jusino worked for the Rhode Island Department of
16 Education where she served as a "Race to the top-Early Learning Challenge Grant" Consultant.
17 She also served as part of Rhode Island's Workforce Knowledge and Competencies (WKC) for
18 Early Childhood Administrators and Education Coordinators Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2013, Ms. Jusino returned to the Center for Women & Enterprise serving
2 as the Senior Program Director where she was responsible for all aspects of management and
3 oversaw the Women’s Business Centers at their three locations in Boston, Worcester and
4 Providence. She also served as the Ownership Women Business Office (OWBO) grant project
5 manager for the Small Business Administration; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2014, Ms. Jusino was promoted once again by the Center for Women &
7 Enterprise to the position of Director of New Enterprise where she effectively oversaw, managed,
8 and implemented all of the New Enterprise and WBC Programs, and was responsible for all
9 aspects of management for the Women Business Center’s five locations in Boston, Westborough,
10 Nashua, Burlington and Providence. She also served part-time as a Quality Improvement Grant
11 Monitor for Ready to Learn Providence/Center for Early Learning Professionals where she taught
12 business classes for aspiring Family Child Care Providers in both English and Spanish and
13 developed a bilingual curriculum for all business classes; ; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2016 Ms. Jusino was promoted to the position of Senior Director of
15 Programs & Services Delivery where she effectively oversaw the implementation of all programs
16 and Service Delivery of the Center for Women & Enterprise. She also oversaw all site managers
17 and provided assistance and support for all decisions related to sourcing, hiring, orientation and
18 onboarding, training and development and disciplinary action and termination; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2017, Ms. Jusino was promoted to the position of Vice President of
20 Programs and Community Development for the Center for Women & Enterprise. She helped to
21 raise the philanthropic resources necessary to support CWE programs and initiatives, oversaw the
22 general management of all program areas, worked collaboratively with staff leadership across
23 New England to enhance their fundraising skills and support their revenue generating efforts, and
24 filled in for the CEO when requested; and

25 WHEREAS, In 2018, Ms. Jusino was named the Strategic Initiative Officer for Economic
26 Security for the Rhode Island Foundation where she served as a liaison for the economic security
27 sector and identified the key stakeholders and the significant challenges and opportunities the
28 foundation would face in the future. She also served as the Relationship Manager with grantees,
29 applicants and community partners, and represented the Rhode Island Foundation at community
30 events; and

31 WHEREAS, Since 2020, Ms. Jusino has served as a Vice President and Community
32 Development Officer. Her responsibilities include being responsible for developing,
33 implementing and administering many of the strategic aspects of the Bank’s Community
34 Reinvestment Act Program by increasing banking relationships with community-based,

1 charitable, and nonprofit organizations. She is also responsible for establishing opportunities to
2 meet the lending needs for low- and moderate-income communities, businesses and customers;
3 now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby honors Carmen Diaz-
5 Jusino for her distinguished business career and furthermore, believes that her more than twenty-
6 years of business experience in identifying the strengths and challenges of businesses and
7 managing a team to design and deliver effective results would be a tremendous asset to the Small
8 Business Administration should Ms. Jusino become the next Small Business Administration
9 Regional Administrator for New England; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable President of the United States,
12 Joseph Biden, the Honorable Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris, the Honorable
13 Isabella Casillas Guzman, Small Business Administration Administrator, the Honorable Nydia
14 Velazquez, Chairwoman of the United States House of Representatives Small Business
15 Committee, the Honorable Jack Reed, United States Senator, the Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse,
16 United States Senator, the Honorable James Langevin, United States Representative, and the
17 Honorable David Cicilline, United States Representative.

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