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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

**HONORING ROSS CHEIT FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Sheehan, Conley, Lynch Prata, Algieri, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: January 21, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, In preparation for what has become an accomplished and wide-ranging
2 career, Ross Cheit graduated with honors from Williams College in political economy and a
3 coordinate major in environmental studies. Continuing his education, he earned a law degree and
4 PhD in public policy at the University of California, Berkeley; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cheit subsequently served as clerk for Justice Hans Linde of the Oregon
6 Supreme Court, and later practiced law with Duane, Lyman, and Seltzer in Berkeley; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1987, Mr. Cheit joined the faculty at Brown University, where he is
8 currently a Professor of Political Science and International and Public Affairs in the Political
9 Science Department, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. Cheit was appointed to the Rhode Island Ethics Commission
11 by Governor Donald Carcieri, and in 2011, he was elected Chair. The Commission employs
12 numerous lawyers and three full-time investigators who examine the complicated matters and
13 complaints brought before the Commission; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to his service on the Commission and at Brown, Dr. Cheit
15 authored and published the book *The Witch Hunt Narrative: Politics, Psychology, and the Sexual
16 Abuse of Children*; and

17 WHEREAS, For the past fifteen years, the citizenry of Rhode Island have been accorded
18 the wisdom, integrity, and insight of Ross Cheit as he served as the key watchdog over the
19 standards of conduct for all public officials and employees in our state and his efforts will be

1 greatly missed; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby honors and thanks Ross Cheit for his dedicated service on the Rhode Island Ethics
4 Commission. We moreover wish him continued success, fulfilment, and good health; and be it
5 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 Dr. Ross Cheit.

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