

2022 -- S 2682

=====
LC005389
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING STEVEN J. ARTHURS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 15, 2022

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, On April 1, 2022, Steven J. Arthurs, President and Chief Executive Officer
2 of The Rhode Island Food Dealers Association (RIFDA) will retire after almost forty-eight years
3 in the grocery industry; and

4 WHEREAS, In preparation for what would become an admired and lifelong career, Mr.
5 Arthurs attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, finance and management from Rhode
6 Island College. He later continued his education, earning a marketing, management and business
7 law degree from the University of Rhode Island; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1974, Mr. Arthurs began his distinguished career at Almacs Supermarket.
9 Over the next two decades, he held myriad management positions in store operations,
10 procurement, merchandising, marketing and senior management; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1993, a few years before Almacs closed its doors, Mr. Arthurs began
12 working for Millbrook Distribution Services, the largest distributor of specialty, ethnic, and
13 natural food. Over the next nine years, he held a variety of positions in purchasing and
14 merchandising; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2002, Mr. Arthurs was named Senior Vice President and Chief Operating
16 Officer at World Harbors, Inc., a Maine-based specialty food company that develops, produces,
17 and markets a number of condiments. A short year later, he was named President and Chief
18 Executive Officer; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Arthurs returned to Rhode Island in 2009 and joined RIFDA, where he
20 has served as President and Chief Executive Officer for more than thirteen years. In addition, he

1 has been a member of the Rhode Island Food Policy Council and the Rhode Island Business
2 Alliance; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Steven Arthurs has demonstrated that
4 no amount of effort is too great to put forth in accomplishing his goals. He has provided an
5 immeasurable benefit to the members of The Rhode Island Food Dealers Association and to all
6 who have had the good fortune to work by his side; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby honors and thanks
8 Steven Arthurs on the occasion of his retirement after more than thirteen years of dedicated
9 service as President and Chief Executive Officer of The Rhode Island Food Dealers Association.
10 We furthermore wish him good health, fulfillment, and a long and happy retirement; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Steven J. Arthurs.

=====
LC005389
=====