

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ROGER RICHARDS, JR., ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE RHODE ISLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD AFTER TWO DECADES OF HONORABLE AND MERITORIOUS MILITARY SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Noret, Casimiro, Chippendale, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Fellela, and Ajello

Date Introduced: January 26, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Roger Richards holds an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice/Law  
2 Enforcement Administration from the Community College of Rhode Island, having graduated in  
3 1999; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Richards began his exemplary military career in 2000, when he joined  
5 the United States Air Force, serving as a Medical Logistics Journeyman where he was certified in  
6 the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and had numerous important warehouse  
7 responsibilities, including verifying and processing shipments, and managing stock supplies,  
8 stock rotation, inventories and delivering of supplies; and

9 WHEREAS, Since 2007, Mr. Rogers, who attained the rank of Technical Sergeant,  
10 served as a Medical Logistics NCOIC with the Rhode Island Air National Guard. His many  
11 responsibilities included managing the medical supply chain and using Defense Medical Logistics  
12 Standard Support, becoming certified in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act  
13 (HIPPA), ensuring the proper use and interpretation of important computer technology products  
14 related to the activity list, transaction register, backorder reports, and issuing turn-in summary  
15 reports; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers also worked for more than nine years, from 2011 to 2020, as a  
17 Medical Supply Specialist for Lifespan where he provided key support to the Emergency  
18 Department, including the control and placement of medical supply orders to maintain the levels

1 necessary to run at maximum capacity. He also inspected all medical supplies and equipment to  
2 make sure they were serviceable, and ensured that all infection control policies were followed as  
3 required. He is also certified in CPR; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Richards began his distinguished Rhode Island public service career  
5 with the RIDLT in February of 2012, where he had numerous important responsibilities,  
6 including performing initial screening of veterans to make sure they met the United States  
7 Department of Labor Employment Training Service eligibility requirements, counseling veterans  
8 on their Veteran Administration benefits and referring them to the proper service agencies in  
9 order to file for benefits, assisting them in their quest to attain Rhode Island Unemployment and  
10 Compensation benefits, and working with homeless veterans to attain temporary housing and  
11 support services; and

12 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. Richards has worked tirelessly to develop strategies  
13 to better assist veterans facing barriers to employment. As an advisor to individual veterans, he  
14 would evaluate the veteran's work experience, education, skills and abilities, and create goals for  
15 each individual veteran, assisting them in developing professional resumes and sharpening their  
16 interviewing skills, and providing targeted job and employment referrals; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Richards also worked tirelessly during the COVID-19 epidemic in  
18 2020, to process the more than 100,000 claims, and researched the claims and applicants for  
19 possible fraudulent activity; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Richards is the beloved husband of Lindsay Richards and the devoted  
21 father of Natalie and Derek; now; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
23 congratulates Roger Richards on his retirement from the Rhode Island Air National Guard after  
24 almost twenty years of meritorious service to our nation and State as a member of the United  
25 States Air Force, and the Rhode Island Air National Guard. We also thank him for all of the  
26 assistance he has provided the Rhode Island veterans in his position with the Rhode Island  
27 Department of Labor & Training. We furthermore wish him continued success in all of his future  
28 endeavors; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
30 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Roger Richards, Jr.

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