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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING JUNE 1, 2023, AS "RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Alzate, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Messier, Potter, Bennett, Felix, McNamara, and Sanchez

Date Introduced: June 01, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Established by the General Assembly in 1854, and originally named the
2 "Rhode Island State Normal School", Rhode Island College (RIC) is a public college located in
3 the City of Providence and is the second oldest institution of higher education in Rhode Island;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Comprised of a 180-acre campus, RIC has 360 full-time faculty members,
6 and a student body of close to 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students and offers eight
7 baccalaureate degree programs in over 76 areas of specialization, eight graduate degree programs
8 in some 46 areas of specialization, and a doctoral program in education, offered jointly with the
9 University of Rhode Island; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition, RIC offers programs and classes in professional and workforce
11 development, continuing and adult education, and community programs and initiatives "that
12 empower our citizens and strengthen our communities"; and

13 WHEREAS, RIC also offers a panoply of athletic opportunities as a member of the
14 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) with 21 varsity sports, with 9 men's sports
15 teams and 12 women's sports teams; and

16 WHEREAS, Earning recognition throughout New England for its excellence, RIC was
17 named one of the "Top 10 Best Value Public Colleges in New England" in 2021, and was ranked
18 #1 for social mobility among public regional universities in New England, according to the 2022
19 U.S. News and World Report; and

1 WHEREAS, Walt Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true...if we have the
2 courage to pursue them." Rhode Island College has been helping students to believe in
3 themselves and their dreams and is changing the trajectory of students' lives through education;
4 now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
6 celebrates June 1, 2023 as "Rhode Island College Day" and thanks the College and staff for the
7 significant contributions they provide to the citizens of our State; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Jack R. Warner, President of Rhode Island
10 College.

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