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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING JOY HEARN FOR HER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND AS A MEMBER OF THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES AND THE BARRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Introduced By: Representatives Cassar, Knight, and Speakman

Date Introduced: December 14, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the House Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, To the immense good fortune of the people of Barrington and East
2 Providence, Joy Hearn chose a life path that would eventually lead to a vocation in public service.
3 On November 4th of 2008, she was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives,
4 representing District 66, and in 2018, she was elected to the Barrington Town Council; and

5 WHEREAS, Joy Hearn lent her expertise and unique insights to myriad legislative
6 committees. During her legislative career she served as a member of the House Committee on
7 Finance and the House Committee on Municipal Government; and

8 WHEREAS, As a strong voice on education, Joy Hearn was instrumental in enacting
9 legislation that allocated funds for full-day kindergarten, supported the creation and execution of
10 the state's education funding formula, and as Co-Chair of the Special Legislative Commission to
11 Study the Purchase of Textbooks in Public Schools. In addition, she was a driving force behind
12 campaign finance reform, sponsored numerous pro-business initiatives and worked tirelessly on
13 the Long Term Care Act, which provides greater protections for residents of nursing homes; and

14 WHEREAS, Joy Hearn's commitment to the community includes two years of honorable
15 and meritorious service on the Barrington Town Council and membership on numerous local
16 organizations including as a Board member of TAP IN., a member of Barrington Congregational
17 Church, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and the past President of the Barrington
18 Education Foundation; and

19 WHEREAS, Joy Hearn is a graduate of Barrington public schools and attained her

1 Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York at Geneseo. She is married to
2 Frank Hearn and together they have two children, Sam and Hannah; and

3 WHEREAS, Currently, Joy Hearn is a library assistant at Barrington High School. She
4 had previously served as a transportation planner for the Executive Office of Transportation and
5 Construction in Massachusetts; and

6 WHEREAS, Joy Hearn's abiding leadership and outstanding services on behalf of the
7 citizens of Rhode Island will long be praised, and we know that in all her future endeavors she
8 will continue to provide strong advocacy for all Rhode Islanders; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
10 joins the family and many friends of Joy Hearn in recognizing and celebrating her inspirational
11 career of service to the people of Rhode Island. We, moreover, wish her continued success,
12 happiness and fulfillment; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Joy Hearn.

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