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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH RUGGIERO FOR HER SERVICE TO THE  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ackerman, Kazarian, Felix,  
McGaw, Potter, Henries, Alzate, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: June 23, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, To the immense good fortune of the people of Jamestown and Middletown,  
2 Deborah Ruggiero chose a life path that would eventually lead to a vocation in public service. In  
3 November of 2008, she was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, representing  
4 District 74; and

5           WHEREAS, Over the past fifteen years, Representative Ruggiero has lent her expertise  
6 and unique insights to myriad legislative committees. Most recently, she served as Chair of the  
7 House Innovation, Internet and Technology Committee and as a member of the House Finance  
8 Committee and the House Special Legislation Committee; and

9           WHEREAS, A strong voice on a panoply of issues, Representative Ruggiero has been  
10 instrumental in enacting legislation in support of the expansion of renewable energy opportunities  
11 including the Renewable Energy Growth Program, and economic development at Rhode Island's  
12 ports. She was also the sponsor of the Safe Schools Act, Rhode Island's anti-bullying law, and  
13 legislation to remove regulations on small businesses; and

14           WHEREAS, Representative Ruggiero has also chaired numerous study commissions  
15 including the Joint Port Facilities Study Commission, the commission studying possible  
16 reorganization of the Coastal Resources Management Council, the task force that studied the  
17 nexus of mental health laws and gun rights, and the Small Business Renewable Energy  
18 Commission, all of which resulted in legislation promoting good economic, public safety and  
19 environmental policy; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to the long hours at the State House, Representative Ruggiero is  
2 President of DR Communications Group, and the creator and host of the award-winning radio  
3 show, "Amazing Women." She is also a member of Save the Bay and the Jamestown Rotary; and

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

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

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