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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING SENATOR JAMES C. SHEEHAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SENATE AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Raptakis, and Metts

Date Introduced: December 18, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Senator James C. Sheehan was born in 1966. He graduated from North
2 Kingstown High School in 1984, the University of Rhode Island in 1988 with a Bachelor's
3 degree, and from Catholic University in 1992 with a Master's degree. He received his Teacher's
4 Certificate from Rhode Island College in 1985; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Sheehan was elected to the Rhode Island Senate in 2000 from
6 District 36, representing North Kingstown and Narragansett. Since his election, he has
7 championed numerous initiatives related to environmental protection, improving public
8 education, helping small businesses, and increasing access to healthcare services for all Rhode
9 Islanders; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Sheehan has always, throughout his distinguished public service
11 career, been fully supportive of improving government transparency, ethics and efficiency. He
12 was the prime sponsor of the State's landmark reform to the Access to Public Records Act in
13 2012, and received the prestigious Excellence in Public Service Award from Common Cause RI;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Sheehan currently serves as Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on
16 Rules, Government Ethics and Oversight, Secretary of the Senate Committee on Health and
17 Human Services, and as a member of the Senate Committee on Education. He also serves on the
18 Quonset Development Corporation, the State House Security Commission, the North Kingstown
19 Democratic Town Committee, and the Narragansett Democratic Town Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition, Senator Sheehan is a member of the North Kingstown Boosters,
2 Smith's Castle Historical Association, Save the Bay, Knights of Columbus, Narrow River
3 Preservation Association, the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, and is Co-Chair of the William H.
4 Sheehan Scholarship Fund. He is a teacher in the Warwick School Department, is married to
5 Meredith, and together they have two children, Colin and Liam; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby honors Senator James
7 C. Sheehan on his retirement from the Rhode Island Senate after twenty years of distinguished
8 and exemplary service; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable James C. Sheehan.

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