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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING MATTHEW T. JERZYK FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
PEOPLE AND STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Maldonado, Diaz, and McNamara

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The extraordinary commitment of individuals who share their time, talents
2 and knowledge is one of the most valued assets of the General Assembly. Whether it is in the
3 chamber or in the various offices that support the legislative process, dedication and mental
4 acumen are essential components in the sound development of this state; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1999, Matt Jerzyk graduated magna cum laude from Brown University,
6 and in 2008, received his Juris Doctorate from Roger Williams University School of Law, where
7 he had started the law school's first chapter of the American Constitution Society and received an
8 award as the best student organization president of the year from the student bar association.
9 Following law school, he was admitted to practice law in Rhode Island and Massachusetts; and

10 WHEREAS, Matt worked as a law clerk at Motley Rice LLC, and as an attorney with a
11 practice in medical malpractice, catastrophic injury, products liability and workers' rights at
12 DeLuca and Weizenbaum, Ltd., in Providence, and as a criminal justice consultant, where he
13 advised the Governor's Commission on Race, Police and Community Relations; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition, Matt created the award-winning RIFuture.org political blog in
15 2005, worked as a communications and government relations organizer for District 1199 of the
16 Service Employees International Union (SEIU), and has organized and directed numerous
17 successful state political campaigns; and

18 WHEREAS, Matt expanded his career, serving the City of Providence in myriad
19 capacities including, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel to the Mayor, and as

1 Deputy City Solicitor for three years; and

2 WHEREAS, On January 6, 2014, Matt was appointed City Solicitor in Central Falls, and
3 in February of 2014, to the very good fortune of the Rhode Island General Assembly, he was
4 named legal counsel for the House Small Business Committee and the House Labor Committee,
5 and subsequently appointed Deputy Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House and, thereafter,
6 Legal Counsel to the House Majority Leader; and

7 WHEREAS, Matthew Jerzyk was born on March 27, 1977, and resides with his wife,
8 Suzanne Da Silva, and their four children, Diego, Colin, Colby and Chloe, in Cranston, Rhode
9 Island. His professional memberships include the Rhode Island Bar Association, the
10 Massachusetts Bar Association, the American Constitution Society and the American Association
11 for Justice; and

12 WHEREAS, Matthew Jerzyk has been an essential asset to the cities and legislators he
13 has so capably served, from small projects to large and complex pieces of legislation, and will
14 undoubtedly continue to accumulate accomplishments at a vigorous pace as he moves on to the
15 next session of his life; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes and thanks Matt Jerzyk for his exemplary service to the
18 people and State of Rhode Island. We moreover wish him good health, and continued success in
19 all his future endeavors; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Matthew Jerzyk.

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