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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO THE OPPORTUNITIES
INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Almeida, Lombardi, Hull, Tobon, and Cassar

Date Introduced: May 16, 2019

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, The Opportunities Industrialization Center of Rhode Island (OIC) is a
2 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1967 by a group of concerned Rhode Islanders
3 interested in developing hope and opportunity in underserved communities; and

4 WHEREAS, The purpose of the of the OIC of Rhode Island is to provide workforce
5 education, training, and employment, urban policy planning, and minority business development
6 services to unemployed and underemployed populations in economically depressed communities
7 in partnership with business, labor, education, governmental units, and community-based
8 organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, The OIC of Rhode Island has an extensive history in community
10 development creating The Omni Development Company (affordable housing), Peerless Precision
11 Company (Banneker Industries - an MBE supply chain management company), the development
12 of the CCRI Providence Campus facility, and training and employment programming that has
13 placed thousands of Rhode Islanders in careers and jobs over the years; and

14 WHEREAS, The OIC of Rhode Island has positioned the organization to serve as a
15 pathway from the communities of highest unemployment and underemployment to career and
16 employment opportunities in collaboration with community-based organizations, training and
17 industry partners, the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, Providence Economic
18 Development Partnership, and CommerceRI; and

19 WHEREAS, The compelling demographic trends projected in Rhode Island require

1 commensurate diversity inclusionary policies and programs that will result in positive socio-
2 economic impact for families and neighborhoods; and

3 WHEREAS, The program focus strategy will be in census tracts that exhibit the highest
4 unemployment and underemployment rates in the City of Providence and the State of Rhode
5 Island; and

6 WHEREAS, The OIC of Rhode Island's request for an appropriation will serve as
7 matching and leveraged funds from government, corporations, foundations, and individuals that
8 will strengthen the programming and planning capacity in support of the organization's
9 sustainability and community development plan; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
11 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2019-2020, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand
12 dollars (\$250,000) to the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Rhode Island to implement the
13 activities outlined within this resolution; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed
14 to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as
15 may be from time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the
- 2 Opportunities Industrialization Center of Rhode Island.

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