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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING JOHN C. SIMMONS FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC  
EXPENDITURE COUNCIL

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Abney, Serpa, and Solomon

Date Introduced: January 09, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, For the past eleven years, the fortunate citizens of the Ocean State have  
2           been the beneficiaries of the focus, wisdom, and abiding dedication to excellence that John C.  
3           Simmons has always brought to his work as the President and CEO of the Rhode Island Public  
4           Expenditure Council (RIPEC); and

5           WHEREAS, During his tenure with RIPEC, Mr. Simmons has proven himself to be a  
6           multi-talented and highly effective leader. His expertise has earned him the trust of not only the  
7           Governors he has served under, but also the state's legislative leaders, nonprofits, and the business  
8           community; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons is credited with addressing and revamping some of the most  
10          challenging issues facing the State and its municipalities through data driven analysis, business  
11          partnerships, advocating for reforms, and assisting in the drafting of innovative legislation; and

12          WHEREAS, Under his direction, Mr. Simmons has led RIPEC in shaping important  
13          government initiatives including, re-organizing the Commerce Corporation, financing for the  
14          school rebuilding and infrastructure programs, tax reform, and developing a model for improving  
15          Rhode Island's education system; and

16          WHEREAS, Prior to serving as RIPEC's President & CEO, Mr. Simmons was employed  
17          as the Chief of Administration for the City of Providence and had also previously served as the  
18          City of Boston's Chief Finance Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for  
19          the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and Deputy General Treasurer for the State of Rhode

1 Island; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons efforts have had a positive and rewarding impact on the fiscal  
3 efficiency and prosperity of our State and he is enormously worthy of our emulation and  
4 gratitude; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
6 Providence Plantations hereby honors and thanks John C. Simmons for his service as President  
7 and CEO of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council. We moreover wish him good health,  
8 fulfillment, and much success in all his future endeavors; 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 Mr. John C. Simmons.

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