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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT JOSEPH BIDEN, JR., AND VICE PRESIDENT
KAMALA HARRIS

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Noret, Kazarian, Ackerman,
Azzinaro, Ruggiero, Shanley, Baginski, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: February 04, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, President Joseph Biden, Jr., a man of great experience and common-man
2 instincts, took the oath of office on January 20th, 2021, and became the 46th President of the
3 United States, the most powerful and important position of responsibility on the globe. Hopefully,
4 in these days of great turmoil and fear, he and Vice President Harris can unify the nation as
5 together we fight and defeat a devastating pandemic, restore comity and democratic norms within
6 our nation, and bring peace and stability to a world on the edge; and

7 WHEREAS, President Biden was born on November 20, 1942, to a working-class family
8 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Growing up, President Biden's family experienced economic
9 misfortune and he was witness to the economic decline suffered by Scranton and many other
10 similar cities. Throughout his life, this experience gave him great empathy for the working people
11 of America who toil and struggle every day to find good jobs and provide for their families; and

12 WHEREAS, President Biden has had a long career of distinguished public service that
13 will serve him well in his duties as President. He served in the United States Senate from 1973 to
14 2009, where he was a highly-respected leader who held a variety of important positions including
15 Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee and Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee. Most
16 importantly, he served as the 47th Vice President of the United States under President Barack
17 Obama. His vast knowledge of world affairs and his deep understanding of how the United States
18 Congress operates proved to be invaluable assets to President Obama and will serve him and our
19 nation well as he assumes the duties of the Presidency; and

1 WHEREAS, President Biden will be ably assisted by Vice President Kamala Harris, is
2 the first woman, African-American, and Asian-American Vice President of the United States.
3 Vice President Harris is a person of great accomplishment. She served as the District Attorney of
4 San Francisco, as the Attorney General of California, and as a United States Senator from
5 California and ran an inspired campaign for President of the United States. Throughout her
6 distinguished public service career, she has fought tirelessly on behalf of consumer rights,
7 equality for all Americans, public safety and criminal justice reform, and against corruption in
8 government; and

9 WHEREAS, Vice President Harris was born in Oakland, California, to Shyamala
10 Gopalan, a biologist from Tamil Nadu, India, who did groundbreaking research on the
11 progesterone receptor gene which stimulated important advances in breast cancer research, and to
12 Donald J. Harris, a Stanford University professor emeritus of economics, who came to the United
13 States from Jamaica in 1961. Vice President Kamala Harris and her family are great examples of
14 how diversity strengthens our nation and makes it more vibrant, both economically and civilly.
15 Her bold vision about the future of America will be a great asset for President Biden and the
16 future of our nation; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 wishes President Joseph Biden Jr., and Vice President Kamala Harris the very best as they lead
19 our nation for the next four years. We hope they can steer our nation safely out of this devastating
20 pandemic, restore our economy and economic opportunity for the people and businesses that have
21 suffered so much over the last year, bring security and peace to our nation and the globe, and
22 return civility and democratic norms to our nation; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
24 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Joseph Biden, Jr., President of
25 the United States, and the Honorable Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States.

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