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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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

**CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE NICK PERRY ON BEING CONFIRMED AS THE
1ST JAMAICAN-BORN PERSON TO BE NAMED AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO JAMAICA**

Introduced By: Representatives Ranglin-Vassell, Abney, Diaz, Tobon, Morales, Giraldo,
Alzate, Felix, Shekarchi, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: March 17, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Recommended by Senate Majority Leader, Charles Schumer, and
2 nominated by President Biden, New York State Assemblyman Nick Perry has been confirmed as
3 the 1st Jamaican-born person to serve as United States Ambassador to the Caribbean island nation
4 of Jamaica; and

5 WHEREAS, Nick Perry was born and spent his early years in St. Andrew, Jamaica. He
6 immigrated to Brooklyn in 1971, and volunteered for service in the United States Army. Upon his
7 honorable discharge, he attained his degree from Brooklyn College; and

8 WHEREAS, Shortly after graduating, Mr. Perry began what would become a lifetime of
9 service, initially as a community organizer and soon thereafter, he was appointed to the local
10 Community Board and subsequently elected to serve as Chair. He served five consecutive terms
11 on the Brooklyn Borough; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1992, the Honorable Nick Perry was elected as an Assemblyman in the
13 New York State Legislature, a position he held for three decades, and during which time he
14 served as the assistant Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly and was a regional Vice Chairman
15 of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2018, the Honorable Nick Perry was named the Legislator of the Year by
17 the National Black Caucus of State Legislators and has been honored numerous times throughout
18 his illustrious career by the New York Civil Liberties Union, the New York State Association of
19 Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, and many others; and

1 WHEREAS, Through his accomplished career, the Honorable Nick Perry has
2 "demonstrated ability to work across diverse communities to build consensus on issues of social
3 importance" and possesses a deep "personal understanding of the immigrant experience and the
4 promise of America" which have ultimately made him eminently worthy and qualified to serve as
5 Ambassador to Jamaica; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 congratulates the Honorable Nick Perry on being named Ambassador Extraordinary and
8 Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica. We wish him the best of health and
9 continued success in his new appointment; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the United States Ambassador to Jamaica Nick
12 Perry.

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