

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RHODE ISLAND  
BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Introduced By: Representatives Ranglin-Vassell, Cassar, Abney, Hull, J Lombardi,  
Henries, Williams, Felix, Shekarchi, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: April 07, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Black Business Association (RIBBA) is a non-profit  
2 organization committed to advancing business opportunities for Black-owned and minority  
3 businesses in Rhode Island by increasing access to much-needed capital, contracting, and  
4 business development resources. RIBBA also focuses on entrepreneur training, business  
5 advocacy, investor services and workforce development; and

6           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Black Business Association was created in November of  
7 2010, when its founder and President, Ms. Lisa Ranglin, PMP, mobilized community leaders and  
8 brought them together to examine the issues pertaining to developing small businesses in  
9 underserved cities. Under Ms. Ranglin's guidance and direction, strategy sessions and random  
10 sampling of individuals and businesses were conducted to help determine priorities for enhancing  
11 and expanding minority small business activities; and

12           WHEREAS, Thanks to Ms. Ranglin's extraordinary leadership, RIBBA has gained  
13 significant prominence within the minority community and has become an important and vital  
14 voice in support of economic development and job creation within underserved communities.  
15 RIBBA is made up of individuals across the spectrum of humanity, is open to the public, and  
16 celebrates diversity and the contributions and achievements of people from all walks of life,  
17 socioeconomic status, and across all ethnic, racial, gender, cultural, and sexual orientation  
18 backgrounds; now, therefore be it

19           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby

1 joyously celebrates the 11th Anniversary of the Rhode Island Black Business Association; and be  
2 it further  
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Lisa Ranglin, PMP, President of the Rhode  
5 Island Black Business Association.

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