

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING STEVEN R. DETOY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER
THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL
SOCIETY

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Ackerman,
Kennedy, Ajello, Tanzi, Fenton-Fung, and Fellela

Date Introduced: June 02, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Steve DeToy has decades of experience effectively advocating on behalf of
2 physicians and their patients, making health care stronger and better in Rhode Island; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy always ensured that the legislature understood physician needs
4 while navigating the seismic shifts that occurred in healthcare delivery, financing, and in
5 preserving patients' choice; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy encouraged and led the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS)
7 on issues that improved Rhode Islanders' health and well-being not just those that related to
8 physician practice; and

9 WHEREAS, On behalf of the thousands of physicians in Rhode Island, Mr. DeToy
10 worked diligently with insurers, employers, regulators, and legislators, to help arrive at consensus
11 that preserved the physician/patient relationship; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy served many critical roles in the American Medical
13 Association's (AMA) policy arm, including being chosen to lead the AMA's Advocacy Resource
14 Center Executive Committee and served on the AMA's State Action Team for federal affairs; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy has served on virtually every healthcare study commission in
16 Rhode Island and retains the institutional memory to recall the who, how, when, where, and why
17 of just about any piece of health care legislation that was crafted over the last 30 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy's leadership on healthcare issues was recognized by the RI
19 Academy of Physician Assistants with an honorary title and by the RI State Nurses Association as

1 their 2009 ‘Friend of Nursing’; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy’s work with the legislature, which resulted in Rhode Island
3 being the first state to pass a bill approving harm reduction centers, will pay dividends for
4 decades in saving countless lives; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy has been a long-standing and active member of the Board of
6 Directors for the ACLU of Rhode Island, where his insights into the protection of privacy and the
7 intersection of medical issues with civil liberties principles have been invaluable to the
8 organization in navigating complex matters of interest to the ACLU; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of Providence College, Mr. DeToy spent his career in advocacy
10 and government roles, working for Congresswoman Claudine Schneider, Deputy Director of
11 Community Development for the City of Cranston, and since 1992, Director of Government and
12 Public Affairs for the Rhode Island Medical Society; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy’s love for health care issues and physician advocacy was
14 matched only by his love for his family, golf, his Vespa, the New England Revolution, and
15 refereeing middle and high school soccer and lacrosse (often times running into members of the
16 legislature as they cheered on their children and criticized the refereeing); and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy will become a grandpa for the first time this summer; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. DeToy took his work seriously, but never took himself too seriously,
19 which always made him a pleasure with whom to work; and

20 WHEREAS, After 30 years of tirelessly advocating for the Rhode Island Medical
21 Society, Steve DeToy will be retiring; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
23 honors and thanks Steven DeToy for thirty years of dedicated service with the Rhode Island
24 Medical Society; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
26 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Steven R. DeToy.

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