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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING DR. SUSAN GIBBONS ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: June 14, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, As a young girl, Susan Gibbons began her affection and connection to  
2 Block Island while visiting her grandparents in the summer months. In 2002, she and her  
3 husband, Peter, who had met on the island, became full-time residents; and

4           WHEREAS, In 2005, after attaining her certification to become a high school teacher,  
5 Dr. Gibbons became the island's high school resource teacher. After extensive courses, she took  
6 on the challenge of teaching all the sciences at the high school level including physical science,  
7 earth science, biology, chemistry, field biology, and human anatomy; and

8           WHEREAS, Dr. Gibbons had previously taught in the Physical Therapy program at the  
9 University of Hartford for eleven years and had earned her PhD in Human Development and  
10 Family Studies at the University of Connecticut; and

11           WHEREAS, Surrounded by the perfect nature setting to teach many of the sciences, Dr.  
12 Gibbons often used the island's resources and environment to teach and instill her students with  
13 the value of nature and an understanding of "their roles as stewards of the island environment";  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Extraordinary people never retire, they just begin a new chapter of their  
16 lives. Dr. Gibbons looks forward to spending more time with her husband, friends, and  
17 granddaughter in Boston, as well as traveling, and training and riding her horses; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Gibbons has been a paradigm of the very best leadership and teaching  
19 qualities and the erudite tutelage she has bestowed on her students will be felt for generations;  
20 now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
2 congratulates Dr. Susan Gibbons on her retirement and thanks her for all her efforts on behalf of  
3 Block Island's children. We moreover wish her good health, fulfillment and much success in all  
4 her future endeavors; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Susan Gibbons.

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