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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING WESTERLY TOWN CLERK DONNA GIORDANO ON HER
RETIREMENT AFTER MANY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF
WESTERLY

Introduced By: Senator Dennis L. Algiere

Date Introduced: April 26, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Donna Giordano is a graduate of Westerly High School, the New London
2 Business College, and was awarded a Certificate in Paralegal Studies from the University of New
3 Haven; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Giordano is a woman of impeccable character and integrity who began
5 her distinguished public service career in 1963 as a clerk in the Westerly Town Office. She
6 resigned as the Deputy Town Clerk in 1966 to get married to her husband, Robert, and raise a
7 family. She is the devoted mother of Robin and Bryan, and the doting grandmother of Samantha
8 and Owen; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Giordano resumed her professional career in 1986, returning to her
10 position as the Westerly Deputy Town Clerk. In 1990, she was appointed Town Clerk, a position
11 she held until her retirement on April 29, 2022. She also served as the Acting Town Manager
12 from May of 1993 to February of 1994; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Giordano is a tireless worker who has fulfilled all of the numerous
14 important duties in her position as Westerly Town Clerk, where she has been responsible for
15 directing, managing, and coordinating all of the activities of the Town Clerk's Office including,
16 acting as the custodian of all Town records and seals, certifier of records, recorder of land grants,
17 registrar of vital records, and registrar of voters. She also serves as the Clerk of the Town
18 Council, Probate Court, Licensing Board, and as exofficio Clerk to the Board of Canvassers, and
19 supervises the operations of the Municipal Court; and

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Giordano is a member of the International Institute of Municipal
2 Clerks, a member of the New England Association of Town and City Clerks, and a member of the
3 Rhode Island Town and City Clerks Association. She attained her Certified Municipal Clerk
4 (CMC) certification in 1990, and her master Municipal Clerk (MMC) certification in 2006. Ms.
5 Giordano has also served on numerous other committees during her tenure as Westerly Town
6 Clerk including the Employee Wellness Committee, the Licensing Ordinance Study Committee,
7 the Minimum Housing & Community Standards Study Committee, the Code of Ordinances
8 Review Committee, the Liaison to the Charter Revision Commission twice, and was a member of
9 the Charter Review Commission; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates Donna
11 Giordano on her retirement as the Town Clerk of Westerly after many years of devoted service to
12 the citizens of Westerly. We furthermore wish her a most happy and healthy retirement and
13 continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Donna Giordano.

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