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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING GOVERNOR DANIEL MCKEE ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF  
HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Marszalkowski,  
Filippi, McLaughlin, Kennedy, McNamara, Kazarian, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: June 16, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, was  
2 born in Cumberland the son of James and Willa McKee. His family had owned and operated a  
3 small business for more than one hundred years. He graduated from Cumberland High School,  
4 received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Assumption College, and attained a Master of Public  
5 Administration degree from the Harvard Kennedy School; and

6           WHEREAS, Governor McKee has had a long and successful career in the private sector  
7 as a businessman. He served as an officer of McKee Brothers, an air conditioning, heating and oil  
8 delivery business, and ran a health and fitness business for more than thirty years; and

9           WHEREAS, Governor McKee has also had a long and distinguished public service  
10 career. He served with integrity and distinction as a member of the Cumberland Town Council  
11 from 1992 to 2001, and as the Mayor of Cumberland twice, first from 2001 to 2005, and from  
12 2007 to 2015. He also served our State as Rhode Island's 69th Lieutenant Governor from 2015 to  
13 2021; and

14           WHEREAS, As Mayor of Cumberland, Governor McKee worked tirelessly to improve  
15 the Town's financial standing and to create a thriving business climate. He also focused much of  
16 his time and energy on improving public safety and having a school system environment that  
17 allowed teachers and students to flourish; and

18           WHEREAS, In order to minimize the damage caused by the historic flooding that hit  
19 Cumberland and other parts of Rhode Island, Governor McKee worked diligently and

1 successfully with federal and state officials. As Lieutenant Governor, he served as Chair of the  
2 National Lieutenant Governors Association, Co-Chair of the NLGA's Energy Committee, and as  
3 a member of its Education Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, Since becoming the 76th Governor of Rhode Island on March 2, 2021,  
5 Governor McKee has been steadfast in his efforts to get as many people as possible vaccinated  
6 and protected from the effects of Covid-19. He is also working hard to make government more  
7 accessible to all Rhode Island residents, is promoting fiscal responsibility, and has taken the lead  
8 on issues related to economic development, small businesses, and the creation of much-needed  
9 jobs; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor McKee played basketball in high school and has always had a  
11 passion for athletics. He coached both Boys and Girls basketball at all levels and won two State  
12 AAU Basketball Championships in 1998 and 2000. He also served as a member of the Board of  
13 Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Cumberland-Lincoln for twenty-five years. He is married  
14 to Susan, and has two adult children, Matt and Kara; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
16 congratulates the Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, on the joyous  
17 occasion of his 70th birthday. We moreover wish him good health and much continued success;  
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor of the  
21 State of Rhode Island.

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