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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING CARMEN DIAZ-JUSINO FOR HER DISTINGUISHED BUSINESS CAREER
AND REQUESTING THAT THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION GIVE HER
SERIOUS CONSIDERATION FOR THE POSITION OF SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR FOR NEW ENGLAND

Introduced By: Senators Cano, Quezada, Ciccone, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: May 14, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Ms. Diaz-Jusino graduated from the Community College of Rhode Island in
2 1996, with an Associate's degree in Social Studies, the Universidad del Caribe in Santo Domingo,
3 Dominican Republic, in 2004, with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, graduating Magna Cum
4 Laude, and from Springfield College in 2014, with a Master of Science degree with a
5 concentration in Organizational Management and Leadership, graduating with Highest Honors;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Diaz-Jusino began her exemplary professional career serving as a
8 Business Development & Training Specialist for the Center for Women & Enterprise from 2006
9 to 2008. She had many duties including teaching classes for the Community Entrepreneurs
10 Program, outreach, logistics, and coordinating client consulting and mentoring programs. She was
11 promoted to the position of Program Director for the Center where, amongst her many
12 responsibilities, she administered all business and entrepreneurship education and training
13 programs, and represented the organization at community and networking events and in print,
14 radio, and television media outlets; and

15 WHEREAS, From 2011 to 2015, Ms. Diaz-Jusino worked for the Rhode Island
16 Department of Education where she served as a "Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge
17 Grant" consultant. She also served as part of Rhode Island's Workforce Knowledge and
18 Competencies (WKC) for Early Childhood Administrators and Education Coordinators

1 Committee; and

2 WHEREAS, In 2013, Ms. Diaz-Jusino returned to the Center for Women & Enterprise
3 serving as the Senior Program Director where she was responsible for all aspects of management
4 and oversaw the Women's Business Centers at their three locations in Boston, Worcester and
5 Providence. She also served as the Ownership Women Business Office (OWBO) grant project
6 manager for the Small Business Administration; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2014, Ms. Diaz-Jusino was promoted once again by the Center for
8 Women & Enterprise to the position of Director of New Enterprise where she effectively
9 oversaw, managed, and implemented all of the New Enterprise and WBC Programs, and was
10 responsible for all aspects of management for the Women Business Center's five locations in
11 Boston, Westborough, Nashua, Burlington and Providence. She also served part-time as a Quality
12 Improvement Grant Monitor for Ready to Learn Providence/Center for Early Learning
13 Professionals where she taught business classes for aspiring Family Child Care Providers in both
14 English and Spanish and developed a bilingual curriculum for all business classes; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2016, Ms. Diaz-Jusino was promoted to the position of Senior Director of
16 Programs & Services Delivery where she effectively oversaw the implementation of all programs
17 and Service Delivery of the Center for Women & Enterprise. She also oversaw all site managers
18 and provided assistance and support for all decisions related to sourcing, hiring, orientation and
19 onboarding, training and development and disciplinary action and termination; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2017, Ms. Diaz-Jusino was promoted to the position of Vice President of
21 Programs and Community Development for the Center for Women & Enterprise. She helped to
22 raise the philanthropic resources necessary to support CWE programs and initiatives, oversaw the
23 general management of all program areas, worked collaboratively with staff leadership across
24 New England to enhance their fundraising skills and support their revenue generating efforts, and
25 filled in for the CEO when requested; and

26 WHEREAS, In 2018, Ms. Diaz-Jusino was named the Strategic Initiative Officer for
27 Economic Security for the Rhode Island Foundation where she served as a liaison for the
28 economic security sector, and identified the key stakeholders and the significant challenges and
29 opportunities the foundation would face in the future. She also served as the Relationship
30 Manager with grantees, applicants and community partners, and represented the Rhode Island
31 Foundation at community events; and

32 WHEREAS, Since 2020, Ms. Diaz-Jusino has served as a Vice President and Community
33 Development Officer. Her responsibilities include being responsible for developing,
34 implementing and administering many of the strategic aspects of the Bank's Community

1 Reinvestment Act Program by increasing banking relationships with community-based,
2 charitable, and nonprofit organizations. She is also responsible for establishing opportunities to
3 meet the lending needs for low- and moderate-income communities, businesses and customers;
4 now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby honors Carmen Diaz-
6 Jusino for her distinguished business career and furthermore, believes that her more than twenty-
7 years of business experience in identifying the strengths and challenges of businesses and
8 managing a team to design and deliver effective results would be a tremendous asset to the Small
9 Business Administration should Ms. Diaz-Jusino become the next Small Business Administration
10 Regional Administrator for New England; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Joseph Biden, President of the
13 United States, the Honorable Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States, the Honorable
14 Isabella Casillas Guzman, Small Business Administration Administrator, the Honorable Nydia
15 Velazquez, Chairwoman of the United States House of Representatives Small Business
16 Committee, the Honorable Jack Reed, United States Senator, the Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse,
17 United States Senator, the Honorable James Langevin, United States Representative, and the
18 Honorable David Cicilline, United States Representative.

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