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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING JOSEPH J. FLAHERTY ON BEING THE 2022
RODLI AWARD RECIPIENT

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Serpa, Williams, Kennedy,
Tanzi, Fellela, Shanley, Hawkins, and Ajello

Date Introduced: February 08, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Given annually, the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA)
2 presents a Rodli Award in order to recognize "individuals whose extraordinary skill and
3 leadership in their respective programs improve Correctional Industries as a whole." The 2022
4 recipient of this prestigious honor is Joseph J. Flaherty; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Flaherty attained his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
6 from Bryant College and an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from the Community College
7 of Rhode Island. Since 2001, he has served as the Associate Director of the State of Rhode Island
8 Department of Corrections: Correctional Industries, and currently holds the distinction of being
9 the longest serving CI Director in the country; and

10 WHEREAS, In his capacity as Associate Director, Mr. Flaherty is responsible for
11 oversight of the entire operation of Correctional Industries which includes dozens of employees
12 and hundreds of inmates, as well as interconnecting with myriad state departments and officials in
13 order to facilitate and promote the manufacture, sale, and delivery of the products and services
14 provided by the Correctional Industries program. In addition, he determines the future direction
15 and development of the program's products; and

16 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Correctional Department, Mr. Flaherty created
17 myriad partnerships with Rhode Island's colleges and universities, provided significant training
18 for professionals in the industry, facilitated production and sales growth within the State's
19 Correction Industries Department, and has advanced the program's financial self-sufficiency; and

1 WHEREAS, Professionally, Mr. Flaherty has a longstanding association with the NCIA.
2 For twelve years, he was the Regional Appointee for the Northeast on the organization's Board of
3 Directors, served two terms as the at-large appointee, four years as Chair of the NCIA Audit
4 Committee, and has been the long-term Regional Chair of the Northeast; and

5 WHEREAS, Highly respected by his peers, Mr. Flaherty was honored with a 2019 Neil J.
6 Houston, Jr. Memorial Award, which is given "to individuals who have been leaders in the
7 criminal justice system in Rhode Island"; and

8 WHEREAS, Joe Flaherty has consistently demonstrated excellence and dedication to
9 developing and implementing solutions for the improvement of the Rhode Island Correctional
10 Department's Industries operations and has advanced opportunities for long-term inmate reentry
11 success; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
13 recognizes and congratulates Joseph Flaherty on being the 2022 Rodli Award recipient. We can
14 think of no one who deserves this distinction more than Mr. Flaherty and wish him continued
15 success and the very best of health; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Joseph Flaherty.

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