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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023**

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**CONGRATULATING JOE MAZZULLA ON BEING NAMED THE 19TH HEAD COACH OF  
THE BOSTON CELTICS**

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Cardillo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Costantino,  
Perez, Chippendale, J. Lombardi, Hull, and Phillips

Date Introduced: March 09, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Joe Mazzulla was born in Johnston and attended Bishop Hendricken High  
2 School, where he excelled at basketball, leading Hendricken to three Rhode Island State Titles,  
3 with the last one occurring during his senior year when he hit a clutch last second shot to win the  
4 Championship; and

5           WHEREAS, After graduating, Joe Mazzulla accepted a basketball scholarship offer from  
6 the University of West Virginia, where he once again excelled on the court and led his teams to  
7 success at the highest levels. In his freshman year, he helped lead the Mountaineers to victory in  
8 the 2002 National Invitation Tournament; and

9           WHEREAS, In his sophomore season, Mr. Mazzulla played one of the best games in his  
10 illustrious career, when he led West Virginia to a stunning second-round upset over powerhouse  
11 Duke. In that game, he scored thirteen points, grabbed eleven rebounds and dished out eight  
12 assists; and

13           WHEREAS, After missing his junior season with a shoulder injury, Mr. Mazzulla  
14 returned the following season as Captain of the team, and helped lead them to the NCAA Final  
15 Four. He once again performed at his best in an important game leading the Mountaineers to  
16 another big upset as they defeated the supremely talented Kentucky Wildcats in the Elite Eight,  
17 with Joe scoring seventeen points; and

18           WHEREAS, After graduating from college, Mr. Mazzulla entered the coaching  
19 profession, when he accepted a job at Glenville State, serving as an Assistant Coach. He later

1 moved to Fairmont State, also as an Assistant Coach, and later served as an Assistant Coach in  
2 the NBA G League for the Maine Red Claws; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2017, Coach Mazzulla was named Head Coach of Fairmont State. In his  
4 second season, he led them to an outstanding 22-9 record and a berth in the 2009 NCAA Division  
5 II Tournament; and

6 WHEREAS, In June of 2019, Joe Mazzulla accepted an Assistant Coaching position with  
7 the Boston Celtics. On September 22nd of 2022, he was named Interim Head Coach and after  
8 leading the Celtics to a League best 18-4 record to start the season, and being named the Eastern  
9 Conference Coach of the Month for October and November, he was officially named the Boston  
10 Celtics Head Coach on February 16, 2023; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
12 heartily congratulates Joe Mazzulla on being named the nineteenth Head Coach in the illustrious  
13 history of the Boston Celtics. We wish him continued success as he hopefully leads the Boston  
14 Celtics to a Championship to conclude the 2022-2023 NBA Season; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Joe Mazzulla, Head Coach of the Boston  
17 Celtics.

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