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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR WATERFRONT INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Craven, and McEntee

Date Introduced: May 19, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, Investment in infrastructure upgrades at the Port of Davisville plays a key
2 role in Rhode Island’s future economic success as a leader in the growing “blue economy” and
3 offshore wind industry throughout the Northeast; and

4 WHEREAS, The Port of Davisville supports nearly 1,700 jobs, \$98.9 million in
5 household earnings for Rhode Island families and \$374.3 million in business output annually. The
6 Port also generates \$45.5 million in total state tax revenue as well as \$10.5 million in local taxes;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, In 2022, Rhode Island continued upgrades at Quonset’s Port of Davisville
9 with the modernization of Pier 2 to accommodate larger vessels in order to continue to grow the
10 capacity for its auto import success and in preparation for future wind energy projects; and

11 WHEREAS, Improvements in the waterfront infrastructure located on the west side of
12 the northeast corner extension of Davisville Pier 2 including, but not be limited to, pier
13 development and ancillary equipment to develop a dock, dock infrastructure and operate the pier,
14 including installation of battery clean charging infrastructure are essential to the continued
15 success and growth of this vital economic facility; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
17 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2023-2024, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000)
18 to the Quonset Development Corporation for waterfront infrastructure improvements; and the
19 state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for

- 1 the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt
- 2 of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$5,000,000 to the
- 2 Quonset Development Corporation for waterfront infrastructure improvements.

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