

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND THANKING THE HONORABLE ARTHUR G. CAPALDI ON HIS
RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE CITIZENS OF COVENTRY

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Nardone,
Costantino, Kennedy, P. Morgan, Roberts, and Ajello

Date Introduced: January 18, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Arthur G. Capaldi has served the Town of Coventry and
2 State of Rhode Island in various capacities throughout his professional career; and

3 WHEREAS, Judge Capaldi brought a heightened sense of legal professionalism and
4 gravitas in his service to the Town as a Pre-Law graduate of Providence College in 1965 and
5 1968 graduate of Suffolk University School of Law. He also maintained a private practice in
6 Coventry specializing in municipal, corporate, contract, tort, real estate, elder, and probate law, as
7 well as estate planning; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Capaldi's career has included practicing before nearly two dozen
9 courts, boards, and agencies at the State and Federal levels, most notably including, but not
10 limited to, Probate Court, District Court, Superior Court, Family Court, Supreme Court, the State
11 Labor Relations Board, State Zoning Appeals Board, U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode
12 Island, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, U.S. Department of Labor – Worker's Compensation, and the
13 National Labor Relations Board; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Capaldi was an active practitioner in the professional community
15 serving as a member of various organizations including the National Academy of Elder Law
16 Attorney's, Inc., Rhode Island Bar Association, American Bar Association, American Trial
17 Attorney's Association, Arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, and the Municipal
18 Court Judges Association, where he briefly served as President in 2000; and

19 WHEREAS, The history of the legal services and representation in the Town of Coventry

1 cannot be reflected upon without largely recognizing the contributions made by Judge Capaldi,
2 who held the roles of Assistant Solicitor from 1968-1970, Solicitor from 1970-1972 and again
3 from 1978-1980. He also served as legal advisor to the Coventry School Committee from 1974-
4 1978, and the Coventry Sewer Authority from 1974-1976. He has also served as the legal advisor
5 to the Coventry Housing Authority for more than four decades and the Coventry Housing
6 Associates Corporation for nearly 30 years, and was counsel to Coventry Crossroads Apartments,
7 L.P. for 20 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Judge Capaldi's contributions to the Town of Coventry are numerous, but
9 most notable were the creation of the Sewer Authority, advisor in acquisition of the land for
10 today's Coventry High School and all school building committees during his tenure, title
11 examination for a majority of the Town's elderly and low- to moderate-income housing, and the
12 foundations of the Town Charter, codes, and ordinances that govern the town today; and

13 WHEREAS, For the last 33 years, Judge Capaldi has served as Municipal Court Judge
14 for the Town of Coventry, where he has provided jurisdiction over all town ordinances and state
15 traffic laws with integrity and distinction; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
17 congratulates and recognizes the Honorable Arthur G. Capaldi on more than fifty years of
18 excellence in service to our State, the Town of Coventry and the law-at-large, including the most
19 underrepresented and marginalized communities; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Arthur G. Capaldi.

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