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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING LAURA MASON ZEISLER, M.ED, ON THE OCCASION OF  
HER RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Shallcross  
Smith, Caldwell, Casimiro, Cruz, Potter, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: February 14, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, In 1977, to the very good fortune of many a Rhode Island child, Laura  
2           Zeisler began attending meetings of the Permanent Commission on Child Care. At the time, she  
3           was the President of the RI Association for the Education of Young Children; and

4           WHEREAS, In 1992, as Ms. Zeisler was beginning her tenure as Chair of the Diversity  
5           Council for the New England Association for the Education of Young Children, she attended a  
6           meeting of Latina early childhood educators at Wheelock College that expanded her  
7           understanding of the vital importance that professional development, provided directly in  
8           Spanish, was for native Spanish-speaking early childhood educators; and

9           WHEREAS, This knowledge and the need for this essential educational component,  
10          fostered the desire for her to become an advocate for providing professional development in  
11          Spanish in both Rhode Island as a whole and for all NEAEYC events; and

12          WHEREAS, Beginning in 2009, Ms. Zeisler became a representative on the Permanent  
13          Commission on Child Care for Family Child Care Homes of RI, and served on the first  
14          subcommittee to plan the initial Child Care Awareness Day at the State House; and

15          WHEREAS, Although she is regrettably retiring, Ms. Zeisler plans to maintain  
16          connections with the early education and care community and will continue to advocate for  
17          worthy wages for all early childhood educators. She also hopes that members of the Commission  
18          on Child Care and Rhode Island's educational leaders will continue to support direct Spanish  
19          communication and education, as well as policies, licensing regulations, and funding which

1 reflect the particular needs of family child care educators; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
3 honors and thanks Laura Mason Zeisler for more than forty-six years of dedicated service to  
4 young people and professional development in Spanish for early childhood and in all areas of  
5 education in Rhode Island. We moreover wish her good health and much happiness during her  
6 well-earned retirement; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Laura Mason Zeisler, M.Ed.

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