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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING BRIAN REA FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Chippendale, Blazejewski, Lima, Roberts,
Place, Nardone, Newberry, Fenton-Fung, and Hull

Date Introduced: June 13, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Brian Rea was elected to the Rhode Island House of
2 Representatives in November of 2022, to serve the citizenry of Smithfield and Glocester in
3 District 53; and

4 WHEREAS, Over the past two years, Representative Rea has been a member of the
5 House Education Committee, the House Finance Committee, and the House Small Business
6 Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Rea is a graduate of Johnston High school and continued his
8 studies at the Community College of Rhode Island. He began his public service as the Facilities
9 Director for a Rhode Island State Charter Corporation and currently owns a convenience store
10 and restaurant in Glocester; and

11 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his constituency in District 53, Representative Rea has
12 introduced and supported legislation that would create an affordable housing business tax credit
13 as well as eliminate sale tax on any materials purchased for use in the renovation of affordable
14 rental housing, establish a first time home buyer savings program fund for first time home buyers,
15 initiate an annual increase of the net taxable estate exemption until the state exemption equals the
16 federal exemption, and phase out the local meals and beverage tax, to name but a few; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Rea is also active in his community, most recently serving as
18 Chair of the Smithfield Republican Town Committee, and working with the Conservation Law
19 Foundation of Washington D.C., to spearhead community efforts focusing on protecting the

1 rights of individuals; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to his businesses and long hours at the State House,
3 Representative Rea makes his home in Smithfield with his wife of 22 years, Michelle, and his
4 children, Kevin, Breanna, and Giovanni, and is also the proud grandfather of one grandson, Noah;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Brian Rea has improved the lives of many people through
7 his diligent efforts on behalf of his constituency and the citizens of this state, and he will be
8 greatly missed in the House Chamber; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
10 honors Representative Brian Rea as he concludes his service in the Rhode Island House of
11 Representatives. We thank him for a job well done, and extend our sincere wishes for his
12 continued health, happiness, and success; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Brian Rea.

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