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WHEREAS, Charles P. Kelley, the longest serving executive director of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority, recently announced his retirement after 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Charlie has served the State of Rhode Island with integrity and distinction over his career, to the benefit of generations of Rhode Island students and their families; and

WHEREAS, Charlie has long been looked to as a trusted resource by state and federal officials in the development of state and federal policy related to financing higher education; and

WHEREAS, Under Charlie's three decades of leadership, RISLA transformed into one of the country's premier non-federal college lending institutions and a technology-driven, vertically integrated organization that has provided college planning and financial aid services to tens of thousands of high school students; and

WHEREAS, Charlie's impact on the student loan industry, not just in Rhode Island but across the country, is profound. He has worked tirelessly to expand the variety of programs and services available to students and their families at all income levels, and he has catapulted the College Planning Center into the State's most effective college planning agency, helping students and their parents navigate the often-overwhelming task of paying for a college education; and

WHEREAS, Charlie's retirement marks the conclusion of a career defined by service and dedication to the students of Rhode Island and its institutions of higher education, and his legacy will be felt for years to come in the lives of those who benefited from Charlie's commitment to the Authority and its mission; now, therefore, be it.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors expresses its deep appreciation and congratulations to Charles P. Kelley on his retirement and wishes Charlie all the best health and happiness in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in recognition of Charlie's longstanding commitment and service to the Authority, the Board of Directors hereby dedicates and names the conference room at the Authority's office the "**Charles P. Kelley Conference Room**".