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RI Democrats Announce Guest Speakers for Unity Dinner Event

PROVIDENCE, RI – The Rhode Island Democratic Party today announced guest speakers for their Unity Dinner on Thursday, October 11 at Wright’s Farm in Burrillville will include Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank and Democratic National Committee Secretary Alice Germond.

“We are thrilled to welcome Congressman Frank and Secretary Germond to Rhode Island,” said Chairman Ed Pacheco. “Both are strong and energetic advocates for our Party and will no doubt give rousing addresses to inspire Ocean State Democrats as the clock ticks down to Election Day.”

Unity Dinner tickets are \$35 each and still available, but attendees are asked to RSVP as soon as possible as space is limited. Further information is on the Party website: ridemocrats.org.

About Barney Frank

Barney Frank was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1980, having served as a Member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, as the Administrative Assistant to former Congressman Michael Harrington, and as Executive Assistant to Boston Mayor Kevin White. He has also taught at several Boston area universities.

In Congress, Mr. Frank has focused on adjusting America’s spending priorities to provide less funding for the military and more for important quality of life needs at home. In particular, he has focused on providing aid to local communities, and to building and preserving affordable rental housing for low income people. As Chair of the Financial Services Committee from 2007 to 2010, he worked first with the Bush administration to deal with the crisis of 2008, and then with the Obama administration to adopt a sweeping set of financial regulations that are aimed at preventing a recurrence of this crisis. He has also been a leader in the fight against unfair discrimination of various sorts.

In Massachusetts, he has been a strong advocate for the needs of the fishing industry in New Bedford, for the transportation needs of Southeastern, and for important environmental projects in Brookline, Norton, Fall River, Dartmouth and elsewhere.

About Alice Germond

Active in the Democratic Party for over 45 years, Secretary Germond has been elected without opposition by the full committee for three consecutive terms, beginning with a special election in 2002. Germond also serves on the Executive Committee, the Rules and By-Laws Committee, and as secretary for the Democratic National Convention where she calls the roll of states that determines the Party's nominee. She has participated in every convention since 1974 when the Party wrote its National Charter.