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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING BARBARA J. DISANTO ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION
OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Stewart,
Voas, Casimiro, Solomon, Boylan, and McNamara

Date Introduced: January 04, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Barbara J. DiSanto was born on December 27, 1933, in the City of
2 Providence, the oldest of four children born to Lucia and John Cicilline; and

3 WHEREAS, A brilliant student, Barbara graduated with high honors from Mt. Pleasant
4 High School in Providence, where she earned the Anthony Medal and won acceptance to
5 Pembroke College at Brown University; and

6 WHEREAS, Barbara chose to interrupt her educational aspirations in order to marry and
7 start a family. She later returned to academia, earning her Baccalaureate degree from the
8 University of Rhode Island; and

9 WHEREAS, Barbara has always been a devoted mother to her six children, Michael,
10 Kevin, David, Terry, Gerry Ann, and Peter. She has also been blessed with 11 grandchildren and
11 5 great grandchildren who bring her much delight and frequent baby-sitting duties. Sadly, she
12 recently faced the loss of two of her children, Terry and Gerry Ann; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to raising her family, Barbara was employed at the New England
14 Telephone Company in her younger years. She later began a long and efficacious career with the
15 State of Rhode Island, first as a Probation Counselor, and subsequently, as a Researcher for the
16 General Assembly's Office of Legislative Council, where through talent and diligence, she rose
17 to the position of Chief of the Office of Legislative Research; and

18 WHEREAS, During her tenure in Legislative Research, Barbara was responsible for
19 assisting in the crafting of hundreds of pieces of legislation that would eventually become Rhode

1 Island law; and

2 WHEREAS, Barbara is the Family Matriarch and Family Historian, and is a voracious
3 reader and especially adept at solving the most challenging of crossword puzzles; and

4 WHEREAS, Barbara is a devout Catholic and a person who truly embraces the principles
5 of justice and equality. She genuinely cares about the well-being of others, and is a kind, patient,
6 understanding, and thoughtful woman who is eminently deserving of our recognition and praise;
7 now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
9 recognizes and congratulates Barbara J. DiSanto on the joyous occasion of her 90th Birthday and
10 moreover offers our gratitude for her outstanding citizenship and service to the people of our
11 State; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Barbara J. DiSanto.

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