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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING MR. LEMON ON 50 YEARS OF TANTALIZING THE TASTE BUDS
OF RHODE ISLANDERS ACROSS THE STATE

Introduced By: Senator Jacob Bissaillon

Date Introduced: June 03, 2024

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Lemon, a favored summertime refresher, has been delighting citizens
2 and visitors to the State's capital for five decades, with generations of loyal Rhode Island
3 customers lining up each summer to enjoy a frozen Mr. Lemon; and

4 WHEREAS, Eileen Rao, known affectionately as Mama Lemon, together with her
5 husband Joseph, opened the one and only family-owned Mr. Lemon in 1974, on Hawkins Street
6 in the City of Providence. Sadly, the founders have passed but their three children have taken on
7 the business and are continuing the legacy; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the years, the original iconic frozen lemonade treat branched out,
9 expanding their offerings with a variety of rotating flavors including grape, apple, vanilla, lime
10 Rickey, Margarita, watermelon, guava, and the ever-popular Tutti Fruiti, to name just a few of the
11 eclectic choices; and

12 WHEREAS, As a tribute at the passing of the company's favorite local Senator, the
13 Honorable Maryellen Goodwin, Mr. Lemon renamed her favorite flavor, Smackin Apple, into
14 Majority Whip Goodwin; and

15 WHEREAS, Ever-so-smooth and made with a refreshing level of sweetness, Mr.
16 Lemon's slushy delights on a hot summer day are a Rhode Island staple and eminently deserving
17 of our recognition and gratitude; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates and
19 thanks Mr. Lemon on 50 years of delighting the taste buds of Rhode Islanders and lucky visitors

1 to our State. We moreover wish them many continued years of success serving the public; and be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Janice Valedofsky, Colleen Rao-Sales, and
5 Joseph Rao, Jr.

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