

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING ARMAND E. SABITONI ON HIS RETIREMENT AS GENERAL SECRETARY-TREASURER AFTER NEARLY TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Chippendale, Kazarian, McNamara, Kennedy, Cardillo, Solomon, and J. Brien

Date Introduced: June 13, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Armand E. Sabitoni, the General Secretary-Treasurer of the Laborers'
2 International Union of North America (LIUNA) and the organization's New England Regional
3 Manager retired in April of 2023, after nearly twenty-two years of dedicated and commendable
4 service; and

5 WHEREAS, A skillful leader, tough and unafraid, and always an advocate for members'
6 rights, benefits, and working conditions, Mr. Sabitoni is a second-generation laborer, who began
7 his career in general construction as a laborer and member of Laborers' Local 271, Providence;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, During his years with Local 271, Mr. Sabitoni also attended the University
10 of Rhode Island and subsequently earned his law degree from the New England School of Law in
11 Boston; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Sabitoni's work experience together with his law degree provided him
13 with the foundation and determination to effectively rise through the ranks, serving as Auditor,
14 Vice President, and President of Local 271, followed by Business Manager and Secretary-
15 Treasurer of the Rhode Island Laborers' District Council, to LIUNA Vice President and New
16 England Regional Manager, and Assistant to the General President, and ultimately on May 1,
17 2001, as General Secretary-Treasurer, LIUNA's second highest ranking office, where he has lead
18 LIUNA's more than 500,000 members into a new era of authority and influence; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Mr. Sabitoni has received numerous awards

1 recognizing his outstanding leadership and his impact on bettering the quality of life for working
2 families. He is also credited with the Union's unprecedented growth in numbers and with the
3 substantial increase in the union's assets and comprehensive rights for safer job sites for the men
4 and women of LIUNA; and

5 WHEREAS, Providing exemplary leadership on a broad range of issues and initiatives,
6 Mr. Sabitoni spearheaded the union's efforts to strengthen Laborers' training programs and
7 instituted apprenticeship positions to advance Laborers' careers and respond to the growing
8 requirements of the industry. He also helped to establish the union's first construction charter
9 school for high school students, which earned him a "Newsmaker of the Year" title from
10 Engineering News Record magazine in 2003; and

11 WHEREAS, Widely-admired and greatly influential in both Rhode Island and across the
12 country, Mr. Sabitoni has been strongly committed to the principle of democracy, using the
13 power and political impact of the union in order to advance the core values and objectives
14 beneficial to the union's membership. To the good fortune of union membership, he will continue
15 to serve as New England Regional Manager, representing members across the six New England
16 states, as well as most of New York State; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to serving as LIUNA's General Secretary-Treasurer, Mr.
18 Sabitoni chairs the national Laborers' Health and Safety Fund of North America, the national
19 Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust Fund, the national LIUNA Health and
20 Welfare Fund, and the Service Contract Education of Training Trust Fund, and LIUNA's health
21 and safety, pension and investment funds; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Sabitoni has consistently demonstrated that no amount of effort is too
23 great to put forth in accomplishing his goals. He has been of immeasurable benefit to the
24 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America, the people of the State of Rhode
25 Island, and to all those who have had the good fortune to work by his side; now, therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
27 honors and thanks Armand Sabitoni whose fighting spirit and determination have paved the way
28 for a brighter future for the membership of the Laborers' International Union of North America
29 and our State. We furthermore wish him good health, fulfillment and continued success in all his
30 endeavors; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
32 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Armand E. Sabitoni.

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