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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING "PETE THE BARBER" ON HIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS A
PAWTUCKET BARBER

Introduced By: Representatives E Coderre, San Bento, Johnston, O'Neill, and Messier

Date Introduced: June 11, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The dictionary defines a barber as one whose business is cutting and
2 dressing hair, and shaving and trimming beards. Robert "Pete" Gagnon, also known as "Pete the
3 Barber," has kept his customers returning month after month, and year after year, by offering a
4 much more interesting experience; and

5 WHEREAS, Most who enter Pete's barber shop are greeted as longtime friends and
6 entertained with witty banter and, oftentimes, interesting debates. From religion to politics, the
7 ills, thrills, and mysteries of the world are unraveled and regularly solved or resolved on any
8 given afternoon; and

9 WHEREAS, While Pete is an old-fashioned barber who cuts hair without flourishes, gels,
10 or tints, he does know that a good hair cut is the key. With the standard barbershop accoutrements
11 and his well-honed barbering skills, Pete is still a bustling barber at an age when most people are
12 retired and his business is thriving when many others have shut their doors; and

13 WHEREAS, The triumph and longevity of Pete's Barbershop are also indicative of a
14 successful symbiotic relationship that can form between a neighborhood and a small business. If
15 there is a local charitable cause, Pete is the first to offer help. When his shop is closed on
16 Mondays, chances are good that Pete is donating his services at a nearby nursing home or
17 hospital; and

18 WHEREAS, A shave and a haircut may no longer cost "two bits" but at Pete the
19 Barber's, a haircut is still a great deal; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Robert Gagnon on the 50th Anniversary of being
3 Pawtucket's very own "Pete the Barber." We furthermore wish him many more years of great
4 cutting, good health, and much success; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Robert "Pete" Gagnon.

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