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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

HONORING RAYMOND J. SICARD ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Shekarchi, Lancia, and O'Grady

Date Introduced: May 17, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Raymond J. Sicard, better known as Ray to his family and many friends,
2 was born nine decades ago on May 20th of 1927. Calvin Coolidge, a republican, was serving his
3 term as the 30th President of the United States, Charles Lindbergh had completed the first solo
4 flight across the Atlantic, and the world's population reached two billion people that year; and

5 WHEREAS, A longtime resident of the Town of West Warwick, Ray was the husband of
6 Antoinette "Ann" Sicard, who passed away in 2014. He is the father of Nancy Wells and Lisa
7 Buben, and is a very proud grandfather and great-grandfather; and

8 WHEREAS, For many decades, beginning shortly before the 1966 elections, Ray and
9 Ann were involved in West Warwick politics and active members of the West Warwick
10 Republican Town Committee; and

11 WHEREAS, Particularly focused on West Warwick's Voter Rolls, Ray was an essential
12 component in keeping the Town's voting records accurate and up-to-date, and helped to create a
13 computerized voting list with the assistance of IBM 026 key punch machines and 80 column
14 Hollerith cards, which he had leased and stored in his garage; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the ensuing years, Ray's diligence resulted in the removal of more than
16 5000 erroneous voters from the voting rolls, and the ability of the party to utilize computerized
17 direct mail to the electors. He also identified and trained poll workers for every election, helping
18 the system to run smoothly and honestly, and has continuously assisted in fund raising, candidate
19 recruitment, signature gathering, and just about any task that was required; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition, as a result of Ray's efforts, the Town of West Warwick voted

1 five Republicans into office in 1970, a feat that had not occurred since the 1946 elections; and

2 WHEREAS, Ray Sicard is a devoted family man, an incredible asset and loyal friend to
3 many, and a widely-respected gentleman who has impacted countless lives through his wealth of
4 knowledge and his contributions to the Town of West Warwick and the Republican Town
5 Committee; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
7 Providence Plantations hereby joins the family and many friends of Ray Sicard in honoring him
8 on the very special occasion of his 90th Birthday. We wish him and all the members of his family
9 the very best health and happiness for many years to come; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Raymond J. Sicard.

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