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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF ARTHUR MEDEIROS

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Corvese, Kennedy, McNamara, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: December 14, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the House Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Arthur Medeiros was born ten decades ago on May 10, 1920. The "Roaring
2 Twenties" were an age of dramatic social and political change in our country as women were
3 finally given the right to vote and a nationwide constitutional ban on the production, importation,
4 transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages began; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Medeiros grew up in the Town of North Providence, which was mostly
6 farmland at the time. He entered the United States Army as an infantryman during World War II,
7 where he was wounded three times during the Battle of the Bulge in Europe, and was awarded
8 three Purple Hearts, and the Silver and Bronze Stars; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1941, Mr. Medeiros married the love of his life, Irene, and together they
10 raised their two daughters. He was employed as a truck driver, which often took him across the
11 states, and became a loyal member of the Teamsters Union, from which he retired in 1982; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Medeiros possessed a passion for music. During his
13 youth, after not being accepted by the by the Providence Chapter because of an overabundance of
14 trombonists, he joined the Attleboro Federation of Musicians. In February of 1954, he was finally
15 granted his Providence card, and maintained his membership for over sixty-six years; and

16 WHEREAS, For more than forty years, Mr. Medeiros led the "Arthur Medeiros Big
17 Band" where he was renowned and beloved for not only his musical leadership, but also for his
18 keen sense of humor and story-telling abilities, which kept the audiences and even the band
19 members roaring with laughter. In addition, he has taught music, led youth bands, and performed
20 for numerous dignitaries and fellow musicians including President and Hillary Clinton, Liberace,

1 Sammy Davis Jr., Al Martino, and Patty Page; and

2 WHEREAS, At the magnificent and monumental age of 100, Arthur Medeiros is still
3 going strong, delighting his senior home neighbors in Bristol with wild tales and amusing
4 anecdotes and continuing to play golf. He has been Chair of the Local's golf committee five
5 times, and often travels to Florida during the winter months to enjoy the beautiful golf courses in
6 the Sunshine State; and

7 WHEREAS, Arthur Medeiros's life and accomplishments thus far are awe-inspiring. He
8 has a legion of family and friends who love and adore him, and who held an amazing and raucous
9 100-car parade to honor his 100th Birthday. We are likewise pleased to join in the joyous
10 celebration of his birthday; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 wishes a very happy 100th Birthday to Arthur Medeiros and moreover wish for his continued
13 good health, happiness, and many more holes-in-one to come; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Arthur Medeiros.

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