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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**HONORING ROCCO M. MARCACCIO ON THE MOMENTOUS OCCASION OF HIS 100TH
BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 8, 2021**

Introduced By: Representatives Ranglin-Vassell, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi,
Donovan, Abney, Speakman, Carson, Amore, and Henries

Date Introduced: June 03, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The year 1921 was a difficult time in the history of the United States.
2 Warren G. Harding was President and the economy was just beginning to rebound from the
3 "Forgotten Depression" which had preceded the Great Depression. Such were the times when
4 Rocco Marcaccio was born; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Marcaccio is a very proud first generation Italian American and the
6 fourth child in the large and close-knit family of Vito and Margaret Marcaccio; and

7 WHEREAS, At the age of 16, with employment opportunities scarce, Mr. Marcaccio left
8 home to work at one of the country's Civilian Conservation Corps far from home in Colorado. He
9 returned to Rhode Island to work at the Wanskuck Mill which was manufacturing military
10 uniforms, as the war in Europe began to escalate; and

11 WHEREAS, Once Pearl Harbor was hit, Mr. Marcaccio enlisted even though working at
12 the uniform plant had qualified him for an exemption to military service. He was soon sent to
13 training at Camp Edwards and subsequently assigned to the 90 MM Battalion of the 132nd AAA
14 team where he shortly thereafter, became a Corporal, T5 Technician; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Marcaccio's division was one of two American divisions to land on
16 Utah Beach, and later participate in Elbe Day, which was an important step toward the end of
17 World War II, but a day that saw many brave men fall; and

18 WHEREAS, Upon returning stateside in 1946, Mr. Marcaccio married the love of his
19 life, Alma. A few years later, together with his best friend Andrew, he build the home that he and

1 Alma would come to raise their four children in, and which still remains Mr. Marcaccio's home
2 today. His family now also includes his children's spouses as well as nine grandchildren and
3 three great-grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1983, after more than thirty-three years, Mr. Marcaccio retired from his
5 position as Building Superintendent at the Old Stone Bank. Sadly in 2013, after sixty-seven
6 wonderful years together, Alma passed away at the age of 90; and

7 WHEREAS, Rocco Marcaccio has led a noble and full life, replete with love and family,
8 and his courage and service to our country as a member of the "Greatest Generation" brought
9 honor and distinction not only to himself, but to an entire world, and we are happy to join in his
10 joyous birthday celebration; and

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 joins the family and friends of Rocco Marcaccio in wishing him a very happy 100th Birthday; and
13 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. Rocco Marcaccio.

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