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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION TO THE MARZILLI FAMILY FOR MORE THAN SIX DECADES OF WONDERFUL MEMORIES AND DELIZIOSO FINE DINING AT MARZILLI'S OLD CANTEEN

Introduced By: Representatives J. Lombardi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Nardone, Roberts, Newberry, Fascia, and Santucci

Date Introduced: January 23, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, With heavy hearts, Rhode Islanders and visitors to Providence's Federal
2 Hill are bidding farewell to Marzilli's Old Canteen, a local landmark and a gustoso "Italian
3 Tradition"; and

4 WHEREAS, A legendary Federal Hill landmark, the Old Canteen was founded in 1956
5 by Joe Marzilli, and over the past twenty years, has been operated by his son, Sal; and

6 WHEREAS, The Old Canteen employed the wondrous flavors of Italy to evoke feelings
7 of warmth, family, and togetherness to all who passed through their doors; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2002, Joe Marzilli was honored as a "Culinary Legend" by Johnson &
9 Wales University for his classic bowls of pasta fagioli and escarole and beans, as well as iconic
10 cacciatores, lasagnas and bracirole, which were favored traditional grandma dishes always on the
11 menu; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout the years, hundreds of national and state celebrities and
13 thousands of local citizens and officials dined and gathered at the Old Canteen; and

14 WHEREAS, Generations of Rhode Island regulars at the restaurant have celebrated
15 family events at what they considered to be their family's second dining room, often making it
16 nearly impossible to get a table reservation on a Friday or Saturday evening; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 joins countless admirers and classic Italian foodies in thanking the Marzilli Family for almost
19 seventy years of "the smell of garlic, the sizzle of olive oil, and the warmth of a good meal" and

1 wishing them the best in all their future endeavors; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sal Marzilli and Family.

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