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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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

**JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF LEONA P. MARCHAND ON
MARCH 30, 2025**

Introduced By: Representatives Giraldo, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Cruz,
Stewart, Voas, Solomon, Casey, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: March 27, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Leona P. Marchand was born on March 30, 1925, in Berlin, New
2 Hampshire. In the year of Mrs. Marchand's birth, a new Ford Model T cost approximately \$295, a
3 loaf of bread cost 10 cents, a pound of butter cost 55 cents and a pound of bacon cost 47 cents;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The year 1925 was one of great breakthroughs for women's equality in the
6 United States, with Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming and Ma Ferguson of Texas becoming the
7 first female Governors in United States history; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Marchand met the love of her life, the late Alfred Marchand, on a blind
9 date. They later married, and raised six children, Christine, Robert, Russell, Kevin, Louise, and
10 Timothy in Central Falls; and

11 WHEREAS, A dedicated and hardworking woman, Mrs. Marchand tirelessly provided
12 for her family and loved ones. Leona worked for more than 25 years at Ann & Hope, and after a
13 brief retirement, accepted a position with the Central Falls Public Schools as a food server, a
14 position she held until the age of 90; and

15 WHEREAS, In her well-earned retirement, Mrs. Marchand enjoys gardening, tending to
16 her flower beds, and spending cherished time with her loved ones, especially at a camp in Maine.
17 She also makes yearly visits to Berlin, New Hampshire, to visit friends. Additionally, she enjoys
18 knitting, cooking, baking, and watching the Hallmark Channel; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby

1 joyously celebrates the 100th Birthday of Leona P. Marchand on March 30, 2025; and be it
2 further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Leona P. Marchand.

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