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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ROGER LALIBERTE ON BEING INDUCTED INTO THE RHODE  
ISLAND RADIO HALL OF FAME

Introduced By: Senators Picard, Cote, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: May 09, 2017

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Roger Laliberte, the longtime host of the French-language radio show  
2 "L'écho Musical" has devoted much of his life in a mission to preserve the French culture of  
3 northern Rhode Island; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Laliberte has hosted "L'écho Musical", possibly the longest continuing  
5 foreign language radio show in the United States, for the past 60 years. It all began in 1957, when  
6 Mr. Laliberte launched the show on radio station WWRI in West Warwick. The program later  
7 migrated to WWON now WOON in 1963 - and later to WNRI. Throughout the years, the format  
8 has remained constant, with Mr. Laliberte playing French-language music in between speaking to  
9 his audience exclusively in French. For most of the its history, Mr. Laliberte has been joined on  
10 the show by his beloved wife, Claudette, who records the commercials and converses on air with  
11 him in French; and

12           WHEREAS, In addition to hosting "L'écho Musical", Mr. Laliberte is a retired Coventry  
13 police officer who served the citizens of Coventry with honor and integrity. He joined the  
14 Coventry Police Department in 1969, steadily rose through the ranks, and finally served as the  
15 Chief for 12 years until his retirement in 2001; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Laliberte is also a successful entrepreneur. In 2004, he became an  
17 owning partner of WNRI along with the Honorable Roger Bouchard, Richard Bouchard, and  
18 Dave St. Onge. Through the years, whether as an employee or owner, Mr. Laliberte has strived to  
19 preserve the French culture that is an indelible part of northern Rhode Island, and provide his

1 listeners with high-quality and family-friendly entertainment; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 hereby congratulates Roger Laliberte on being inducted into the Rhode Island Radio Hall of  
4 Fame; and be it further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Roger Laliberte.

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