

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE DELECTABLE 2019 "GREAT RUMFORD BAKE OFF" HELD ON
MAY 12, 2019, AND THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF RUMFORD
BAKING POWDER

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Conley, Coyne, Metts, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: May 09, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Rumford Chemical Company, owned by Eben Horsford and George
2 Wilson, moved in 1856 to what was then Seekonk, Massachusetts, and later became East
3 Providence, Rhode Island, in 1862. At the time, Mr. Horford occupied "The Rumford Chair of the
4 Application of Science To Useful Arts" at Harvard University, hence the name of the company he
5 co-owned; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1859, Mr. Horsford invented the first double-acting baking powder,
7 which revolutionized the baking process. For many years, his company would hold a "Rumford
8 Bake Off" on the company grounds, with bakers making their favorite food recipes using
9 Rumford Baking Powder. The company remained successful and under the same name until
10 1948, when it was sold to Hulman and Company of Indiana and moved to Terre Haute; and

11 WHEREAS, The East Providence Historical Society is bringing back the tradition of the
12 "Rumford Bake Off" on May 12, 2019. The bake off will have an Adult Division open to those
13 aged 18 and older and a Junior Division open to those aged 9 to 17. Contestants must make all of
14 their goods in a home kitchen and must include their recipe or ingredient list. All recipes must
15 include Rumford Baking Powder and the contestants may bake cakes, cookies and dessert bars,
16 cake type breads, scones, and dessert type biscuits and muffins; and

17 WHEREAS, The winner of the Adult Division will receive a \$200 prize and the winner
18 of the Junior Division will receive a \$100 prize. The second and third place finishers in both
19 divisions will receive a ribbon and a gift certificate; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby celebrates the 2019 Great Rumford Bake off and the 160th Anniversary of the creation of
3 Rumford Baking Powder. We furthermore wish everyone a delicious time at the Bake Off on
4 May 12, 2019, and wish all contestants good luck in the competition; 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 the East Providence Historical Society.

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