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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING RHODE ISLAND RADIO LEGEND DANIEL "GIOVANNI"
CENTOFANTI ON HIS RETIREMENT ON APRIL 29TH, 2024, FROM 92 PRO-FM AFTER
FIFTY YEARS OF ENTERTAINING HIS MANY LISTENERS

Introduced By: Senators Lauria, Felag, F. Lombardi, McKenney, Zurier, Picard, Gu,
Cano, Tikoian, and Quezada

Date Introduced: May 07, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, As a youngster growing up in Johnston, Daniel Centofanti loved listening to
2 his radio during the day. This inspired him to write a letter to longtime WPRO host Salty Brine
3 asking for a tour of the station. To his surprise, he received a phone call from Salty Brine offering
4 to give him a tour, an offer Daniel and his father gladly accepted. Thus began Daniel "Giovanni"
5 Centofanti's love affair with all things radio and the inspiration for a career that has gone down in
6 the annals of Rhode Island radio as one of the greatest in the State's history; and

7 WHEREAS, Daniel Centofanti began his radio career at 92 PRO-FM right out of high
8 school in 1974 as a teenage intern. He remembers the first song he ever played for his listeners
9 was "My Maria" by B.W. Stevenson. He gradually worked his way up the ladder playing top 40
10 hits and entertaining his audience with his humorous, easy-going and fun style. Mr. Centofanti
11 has a gift for making a connection with his listeners and they have rewarded him with their
12 loyalty and affection for the past fifty years; and

13 WHEREAS, Best known by his many fans as the host of the very popular and highly
14 rated "Giovanni in the Morning" show for the past 25 years, Daniel Centofanti took great
15 pleasure through the years of showcasing new artists and new hit songs to his audience. His loyal
16 followers trusted his judgement and shared his good taste in music. If "Giovanni" said that a song
17 was going to be a hit, it was going to be a hit, and if Giovanni said that a rising artist was going to
18 take the world by storm, rest assured it was going to happen; and

19 WHEREAS, In an industry that is known for its high turnover rate, Mr. Centofanti has

1 endured in large part to his upbeat voice and engaging personality, always cheerfully welcoming
2 his faithful listeners to another day. As he thinks about his legacy of fifty years in Providence
3 radio, Mr. Centofanti has reflected on the fact that three generations of families have listened to
4 him, from grandparents to their children to their grandchildren. It's a legacy that was honored and
5 celebrated when he was inducted into the Rhode Island Radio Hall of Fame in 2009; now,
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby joyously congratulates
8 Daniel "Giovanni" Centofanti on his retirement on April 29th, 2024, after a sterling fifty-year
9 career in radio and as the very popular host of the 92 PRO-FM "Giovanni in the Morning" show
10 for the past twenty-five years. We wish him good health and happiness in retirement and
11 continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Daniel Centofanti.

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