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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WRIGHT'S DAIRY FARM

Introduced By: Representative Brian C. Newberry

Date Introduced: January 07, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Farming is not only a basic necessity for all human life, but it is also a proud
2 tradition and an essential component in our state's economy; and

3 WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson once said, "Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it
4 will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness." And while members
5 of the Wright family are perhaps not overburdened with copious amounts of money, they are rich
6 in family heritage and have achieved abundant success in the business of farming; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1914, George Wright moved his family to a 90-acre parcel of land in
8 North Smithfield that he had purchased in 1896. Over the course of the next century, four
9 generations of the Wright Family have been caring for the land and building a thriving business
10 known today as Wright's Dairy Farm & Bakery; and

11 WHEREAS, Adopting a business philosophy of sound decision making mixed with a
12 dollop of calculated risk taking and a large measure of customer input has produced a business
13 that has morphed, expanded, and ultimately grown more successful over the years; and

14 WHEREAS, Today, Wright's Farm employs 70 local bakers, dairy plant workers, and
15 grounds hands. The business produces several varieties of milk and ice cream, as well as a
16 cornucopia of delicious baked goods. The farm has become such a traditional stop for
17 generations of families that the history of the farm has now been documented in a book entitled,
18 "Wright's Dairy Farm: History in Four Voices"; and

19 WHEREAS, The economic vitality of our state depends and relies on the strength of
20 small businesses such as the Wright's Dairy Farm who sagaciously and fruitfully carry on the

1 noble tradition of farming in our state; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations hereby honors and congratulates four generations of the Wright Family on
4 the 100th Anniversary of living and farming the land at Wright's Dairy Farm on Woonsocket Hill
5 Road in North Smithfield. We furthermore extend a hearty thank you to members of the Wright's
6 Dairy Farm family for delighting the palates of generations of Rhode Islanders; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Eddie Wright, Head of Operations,
9 Wright's Dairy Farm.

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