WHEREAS, The Rhode Island House of Representatives will be losing a valued member with the retirement of Representative William San Bento who has chosen not to seek another term in office; and

WHEREAS, Representative San Bento has served the constituency of House District 58, which covers neighborhoods in the City of Pawtucket, to the best of his ability, most currently serving as the Deputy Majority Leader and Secretary of the House Committee on Finance. He was first elected in November of 1992, and has returned for eleven consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, Having been a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives for almost twenty-two years, Representative San Bento exemplifies the best qualities of those who have chosen to devote their lives to the honorable profession of public service. Among his accomplishments, he takes great pride in his efforts to support and bolster the state's gaming facilities thereby protecting revenue for the state and its taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Representative San Bento was also a champion of small business, labor, and local legislation, supporting bills to authorize the City of Pawtucket to issue tax anticipation notes thereby assuring the community a more stable and beneficial financial outlook; and

WHEREAS, As well as being a successful Representative for the people in the state legislature, William San Bento is a business owner and insurance agent, and a devoted husband to his wife, Joanne, the very supportive father of Todd, Chad and Heather, and the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren; and
WHEREAS, Members, staff, and observers of the legislative process will greatly miss Representative San Bento, although he will probably not miss the long hours of consideration and debate on the hundreds of measures enacted each year; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby honors and commends Representative William San Bento, Jr., for more than two decades of service to the people of this state. We wish him well as he gets to spend more time with his family and has more time to get back into the swing with golf; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable William San Bento, Jr.

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