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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CONGRATULATING MILTON BRONSTEIN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 100TH
BIRTHDAY**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, McNamara, Shekarchi, Jacquard, and Lima

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Milton Bronstein was born ten decades ago on February 2nd of 1917.
2 Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States, our country had entered the Great War, and
3 women had not yet gained the right to vote in national elections; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Mr. Bronstein grew up in South Providence and has
5 lived most of his life in Cranston but now resides in a retirement home in Warwick. For fifty-two
6 years, until her passing, Milton had been married to his beautiful wife, Claire and together they
7 had three children, Harvey Bronstein, Andrew Bronstein, and Cynthia Davis. He is also the
8 cherished grandfather of seven grandchildren, Adam, Max, Daniel, Jacob, Madeline, Evan, and
9 Melanie, and the very proud great-grandfather of Adriana and Lucia, with one more on the way;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bronstein served our country with honor and distinction as a 1st
12 Sergeant in the Army Air Force. He served during World War II and was primarily stationed in
13 England; and

14 WHEREAS, For 30 years, Bronstein worked in the Rhode Island Department of Treasury
15 and was a long-time union executive. As an active member and leader of Rhode Island Council
16 94, he led the charge to organize Rhode Island workers and served as the Council's first president.
17 During his tenure as president, he oversaw the unification of AFSCME Councils 70 and 22,
18 resulting in a more powerful voice for workers all across the state, and helped to establish
19 Supervisory Local 2883; and

1 WHEREAS, Not a man to remain idle, upon retirement, Mr. Bronstein became active in
2 the council's retiree chapter, serving as vice president for many years and stepping down just
3 recently at the age of 99. He is believed to be the oldest elected officer in AFSCME's history; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bronstein has also been active with numerous civic organizations
5 including being an active member for decades, and serving as the recording secretary of the
6 Rhode Island Democratic Party. Senator Jack Reed once nicknamed him "Mr. Democrat" for all
7 his efforts on behalf of the party. He is also a proud member of Touro Fraternal Association, a
8 Jewish men's civic organization; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bronstein is an incredibly kind and charitable man who has generously
10 contributed his time and financial help to myriad organizations throughout his lifetime. He is also
11 a widely-respected gentleman who, over the last century, has impacted the lives of so many
12 people through his wealth of knowledge and his involvement in Rhode Island's labor movement
13 that will be felt by and will benefit generations to come; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby joins the family and many friends of Milton Bronstein in honoring
16 him on the very special occasion of his 100th Birthday. We wish him and all the members of his
17 family the very best health and happiness for many years to come; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Milton Bronstein.

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