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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING RAINBOW BAKERY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH
ANNIVERSARY

Introduced By: Representatives Jacquard, Lima, Lancia, Handy, and Mattiello

Date Introduced: May 25, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Founded by Abraham Kaplan in 1917, on what was then named Black
2 Street, Kaplan's Bakery began what would become, 100 years later, the last Jewish Bakery in our
3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, Years after opening its doors, the bakery relocated to the corner of Prairie
5 Avenue and Bogman Street, and in 1954, Barney Kaplan, Abraham's son, moved the bakery to
6 Reservoir Avenue in Cranston; and

7 WHEREAS, Barney then purchased land up the street at 800 Reservoir Avenue with the
8 intention of building a new home for the bakery. Sadly, in 1964, six weeks before the newly built
9 bakery was set to open its doors, Barney passed away, leaving his wife, Leah, and two teenage
10 sons, Murray and Daniel, to run the business; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon the passing of his father, Murray Kaplan began working in the bakery
12 early in the morning and then returning to work again after school. He soon learned the art and
13 quickly became quite skilled at cake decorating, and in 1976, he created a stunning replica of the
14 State House for the state's Bicentennial Celebration; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, Rainbow Bakery sells traditional Jewish breads like sissel and
16 challah as well as Italian and multigrain breads. They also make hamentashen and rugelach
17 pastries, and cakes, muffins and Danish, which they sell at the bakery and also to supermarkets,
18 bakeries, hotels, delis, gourmet stores and restaurants; and

19 WHEREAS, Murray and Deborah, better known as "Deby" by family and the many

1 customers of the bakery, are the third generation of Kaplans to own and run the business, and
2 though their children Scott, Melissa, and Annie will not be continuing in their parents footsteps,
3 they have spent many hours at the bakery and have created a website for the business; and

4 WHEREAS, The economic vitality of our state depends and relies on the strength of
5 businesses such as Rainbow Bakery and it is eminently fitting to commemorate this monumental
6 anniversary; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby honors, thanks and congratulates the Kaplan Family for 100 years
9 of scrumptiously delighting our palates. We furthermore wish Rainbow Bakery many more years
10 of success; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Murray and Deby Kaplan.

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