

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING VERA LATORRE ON THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF HER 107TH
BIRTHDAY

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Crowley, and Algiere

Date Introduced: March 28, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Vera Verdi was born more than a century ago, on March 27th of 1910. That
2 same year, the United States was comprised of only 46 states, William Howard Taft was serving
3 as the 27th President of the United States, bread was only five cents a loaf, and the average work
4 week consisted of six 12-hour days; and

5 WHEREAS, Vera grew up in a large and loving family in the Federal Hill section of
6 Providence. She had seven siblings, Gino, Lester, Thomas, Evelyn, Helen, Josephine and
7 Theresa; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon marrying Ernest LaTorre, Vera moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts.
9 Together, Vera and Ernest were blessed with four children, Lillian, Vilma, Carmen and Ernest Jr.;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Vera was employed at Rolo Jewelry for fifteen years. In 1958, after twenty-
12 six years of marriage, Ernest passed away and Vera returned to her roots in Federal Hill. She
13 currently makes her home in Smithfield with her son, Ernest; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1910, the average life expectancy for a woman born that year was a little
15 under 52 years. To the good fortune of all who know and love Vera LaTorre, she has more than
16 doubled that figure. Her wealth of knowledge, gentle spirit and overall exuberance for life has
17 enriched the lives of those around her, and we are honored to join in the celebration of her 107th
18 Birthday; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby warmly welcomes Vera LaTorre to the State House and joins her family and friends in
2 wishing her a very joyous 107th Birthday. We moreover hope she enjoys continued health and
3 much happiness for many years to come; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Vera LaTorre.

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