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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 5TH ANNUAL "RHODE ISLAND CALAMARI FESTIVAL" ON
SEPTEMBER 7TH OF 2019, AND THANKING RHODE ISLAND'S FISHERMEN AND
FISHING INDUSTRY WORKERS FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Quattrocchi, Filippi, McEntee, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: June 13, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island is home to the second largest fishing fleet in New England.
2 The fishing industry is not only vital to the State's economy, but also essential to the culinary
3 well-being of all who enjoy eating local, fresh caught seafood; and

4 WHEREAS, The Port of Galilee is consistently in the top three commercial fishing ports
5 in the entire United States in squid landings and the squid that is brought in through the Port has
6 an international reputation for its quality; and

7 WHEREAS, Officially celebrated on the first Saturday after Labor Day, the Rhode Island
8 Calamari Festival is a day to celebrate and devour delectable calamari, our "Official State
9 Appetizer"; and

10 WHEREAS, This year's Calamari Festival will feature the music renderings of local
11 bands, a tempting lineup of food trucks, a vast array of unique seaside shopping opportunities, the
12 informative demonstrations of Calamari Cook-off contests, as well as the tantalizing delights of a
13 panoply of scrumptious calamari samples; and

14 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island commercial seafood and fishing industry is a vital part of
15 the State's economy. Rhode Island's fishing industry catches more the \$93 million worth of
16 seafood annually with a sales value of \$200 million annually. Altogether, the Rhode Island
17 fishing and seafood industry supports approximately 7,889 jobs and without these hard-working
18 men and women, our state wouldn't have an official appetizer nor would there be a calamari
19 festival to celebrate; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby celebrates the 5th annual "Rhode Island Calamari Festival", and
3 congratulates and wishes the best success, and sated appetites to all the participants and guests.
4 We moreover thank and recognize all of our hard-working fishing industry workers; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Narragansett Chamber of Commerce.

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