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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**HONORING MICHAEL TRAFICANTE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY**

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Gallo, Miller, Lombardi, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: January 24, 2019

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Michael Traficante was born in the City of Providence eight decades ago on  
2 February 5th of 1939. Affectionately known as "Traf", he is the son of the late Charles and Elise  
3 Traficante, and the brother of the late Charles and Charlotte Traficante; and

4           WHEREAS, Mike is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, where he was a  
5 member of the Varsity Football Team for four years. He served our country with honor in the  
6 United States Army 3rd Infantry Division in Korea, where he began his coaching career leading  
7 his Division's football team; and

8           WHEREAS, Mike met and married Ann Marie Lembo, and together they raised their  
9 daughter, Michele, who married Charles Abell, and blessed Mike with two grandchildren, Patrick  
10 and Caitlin; and

11           WHEREAS, For more than forty years, Mike Traficante served the people of Rhode  
12 Island in myriad capacities. From mathematics teacher to Assistant Principal at Cranston High  
13 School East, and as President of the Cranston City Council to Mayor of Cranston for fourteen  
14 years, Mike left a legacy of boundless service to the citizenry of Cranston that includes holding  
15 the record as the longest serving Mayor in the City; and

16           WHEREAS, Mike also left his mark on generations of young people through his years as  
17 a coach. He was assistant and head coach for the Cranston East Football Team and also served as  
18 the assistant and later the head coach of the school's wrestling team. Years later, he also coached  
19 the Bishop Hendricken High School Hawks Wrestling Team. Throughout his tenure as a coach,  
20 Mike led his teams to numerous state titles and fully earned his membership into the Cranston

1 Athletic and the City of Cranston Hall of Fame, as well as the Rhode Island Wrestling Coaches  
2 Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, Mike is beloved by his family, adored by his friends, and a champion and  
4 hero to the young people he has coached. He is a true gentleman who has impacted the lives of so  
5 many people with his spirit and exuberance for life, and all who have been lucky enough to be a  
6 part of his extraordinary life, are honored to join him in this special celebration; now, therefore be  
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
9 hereby joins the family and many friends of Michael Traficante in honoring him on the very  
10 splendid occasion of his 80th Birthday. We wish him and all the members of his family the very  
11 best health and happiness; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Michael Traficante.

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