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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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

**RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE ARAM G. GARABEDIAN ON THE OCCASION OF  
HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Lancia, Ucci, Lima, and Costantino

Date Introduced: May 13, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Aram G. Garabedian was born eighty years ago on May 13, 1935, at a time  
2 when our country was finally turning the corner on the Great Depression. He was born and raised  
3 in Providence, attended Hope High School, and received a Bachelor's degree from the University  
4 of Maine. After serving our country with honor in the United States Army, he returned to Rhode  
5 Island and set out to conquer life; and

6           WHEREAS, After marrying his high school sweetheart Jane, and having two children,  
7 Gary and Lisa, Mr. Garabedian moved to Cranston and soon became an astute and successful  
8 businessman. He is a co-managing partner of the Warwick Mall, a real estate property manager  
9 and developer, President of Bliss Properties, Inc., and President of One Financial Center Plaza  
10 LLC, and a former Director of NBTY Inc., and was associated with its predecessor, Arco  
11 Pharmaceuticals, Inc., for 20 years in a sales capacity and as an Officer; and

12           WHEREAS, Equally dedicated to improving our state through civic involvement, Mr.  
13 Garabedian served Rhode Island as a public official on both the city and state levels in myriad  
14 capacities. Over the years he has run for office as a Republican, a Democrat, and an Independent,  
15 and has served for six years on the Cranston School Committee, eight years in the House of  
16 Representatives, two years in the Senate, and four years as Cranston City Council President; and

17           WHEREAS, An active participant in numerous charitable and community projects, Mr.  
18 Garabedian has donated his time and energies as a Trustee for the Armenian Assembly of  
19 America, a Board Member of the Cranston Citizens for Responsible Zoning & Development,

1 President of the Cranston Land Trust, Chair of Marketing and a Board Member of the Rhode  
2 Island Red Cross, a Board Member of the Rhode Island Holocaust Education Center, Vice Chair  
3 and Board Member of Rhode Island Meals on Wheels. He has also assisted and sponsored many  
4 other organizations such as the International Institute, Dorcas Place, Harmony Hill School,  
5 Western Little League, and the Genesis Center; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2012, Aram Garabedian was inducted into the Rhode Island Heritage  
7 Hall of Fame. For his successful efforts in helping to complete the World War II Veterans  
8 Monument in Providence, he received the RI Action Veterans Center's "Patriot Award," and his  
9 never-give-up efforts to restore the Warwick Mall after Rhode Island's 2010 "Great Flood" helped  
10 to assure, rebound, and rebuild both the Mall and the community; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Garabedian's life has spanned eight glorious and rewarding decades.  
12 During those years, he has impacted the lives of so many people with his wealth of knowledge,  
13 his generosity and his overall exuberance for life and he is eminently worthy of our recognition  
14 and utmost gratitude; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
16 Providence Plantations hereby joins the family and many friends of Aram Garabedian in honoring  
17 him on the very special occasion of his 80th Birthday. We moreover extend our wishes for his  
18 continued happiness and good health, and all the very best that life has to offer; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Aram G. Garabedian.

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