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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

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

**CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE  
ARCHANGEL ON 160 YEARS AS A VITAL SPIRITUAL AND SERVICE CENTER FOR  
THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH PROVIDENCE AND LARGER RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY**

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, Almeida, Vella-Wilkinson, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Established in June of 1859, the Church of St. Michael the Archangel has  
2 served the people of South Providence and the larger Rhode Island community for 160 years; and

3           WHEREAS, From its inception, the community of St. Michael's has been a place of  
4 welcome for people from all over the world from its early Irish and Western European members  
5 to today's multicultural, multilingual community that is a reflection of the diversity of  
6 Providence; and

7           WHEREAS, The commitment and mission of St. Michael's is in keeping with Rhode  
8 Island's earliest values of inclusion, acceptance, respect for difference, religious tolerance and  
9 celebration of our common humanity; and

10           WHEREAS, Since its beginnings, St. Michael's has been a social justice-oriented parish.  
11 Initially serving the Irish and Western European immigrant populations who were often pushed to  
12 the sides and margins of society, St. Michael's parishioners have always come together to identify  
13 needs, solve problems and grow stronger together. This tradition has continued through the years  
14 for and with all the new groups who have come to the community and persist today; and

15           WHEREAS, As an immigrant community, St. Michael's has long responded to the day-  
16 to-day needs of its members and the larger community in a number of ways from direct service to  
17 advocacy, by formation of nonprofit groups which have since gone on to independently address  
18 specific needs, and through ongoing collaboration with other agencies and faith organizations;  
19 and

1           WHEREAS, The Church of St. Michael the Archangel is recognized by placement on the  
2 National Register of Historic Places and its iconic structure has long been a symbol of refuge and  
3 hope to the community; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
5 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and thanks the Church of St. Michael the Archangel  
6 on its 160 years as a vital spiritual and service center for the people of South Providence and  
7 larger Rhode Island Community; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Rev. Robert Perron, Pastor of the Church of St.  
10 Michael the Archangel.

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