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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

VENERATING THE HONORABLE PATRICIA A. MEHRTENS ON THE JOYOUS  
OCCASION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

Introduced By: Representatives Place, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Ajello,  
Boylan, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Bennett, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: June 06, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, In 1934, a loaf of bread cost 8¢, gasoline was 10¢ a gallon, the country was  
2 finally turning the corner on the Great Depression with the inauguration of Franklin Delano  
3 Roosevelt the previous year, and Patricia Ann Mehtens was born on June 21st; and

4           WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Town of Burrillville, Mrs. Mehtens graduated  
5 with honors from Burrillville High School, followed by the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School.  
6 On September 24th of 1955, she married the love of her life, Donald Mehtens and together they  
7 raised their three children, Donna, John, and Thomas; and

8           WHEREAS, In addition to making a wonderful home for her family, Mrs. Mehtens was  
9 employed at GMAC in Providence, worked for her father at the Delma Press for many years, and  
10 owned Pat's Antiques in Pascoag for seven years; and

11           WHEREAS, Active in the community, Mrs. Mehtens was elected to the Burrillville  
12 Town Council in 1982, and re-elected in 1984. She was later appointed by the Town Council to  
13 fill the vacancy of the deceased Town Clerk until the next election in 1986; and

14           WHEREAS, An accomplished author, Mrs. Mehtens has published several books on  
15 Burrillville, including Images of America Burrillville and One Hundred Years Ago in Burrillville,  
16 Rhode Island, and has self-published many more, has presented numerous slide retrospectives on  
17 the Town of Burrillville, and created the website, BurrillvilleHistory.net, which contains "the best  
18 information available on our great Town of Burrillville"; and

19           WHEREAS, Mrs. Mehtens has also been a Charter member of the Burrillville Historical

1 & Preservation Society since 1970, was appointed as a Commissioner to the Blackstone River  
2 Valley National Heritage Corridor where she was an active member for fifteen years, was the  
3 Vice Chair of the Burrillville Historic District Commission, served on the Committee of the St.  
4 Patrick's Church for its 150th Anniversary Celebration, and co-chaired the Burrillville  
5 Bicentennial Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, Patricia Mehtens is the matriarch of her family and the official Burrillville  
7 Town Historian. She has impacted the lives of so many people with her service and knowledge of  
8 the community, and all who have been lucky enough to be a part of her extraordinary life are  
9 happy to call her a dear friend; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
11 joins the family and many friends of Patricia Ann Mehtens to honor her on the joyous occasion  
12 of her 90th Birthday. We moreover extend sincerest wishes for her continued happiness and  
13 health; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Patricia A. Mehtens.

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