

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING MR. ROGERIO DE OLIVEIRA MEDINA FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE RHODE ISLAND DAY OF PORTUGAL AND THE PORTUGUESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN RHODE ISLAND OVER THE PAST FORTY YEARS

Introduced By: Senator Daniel DaPonte

Date Introduced: June 08, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, June 17, 2017, is the 40th Anniversary of the Day of Portugal in Rhode
2 Island. It is a day when we reflect upon and celebrate the significant contributions the Portuguese-
3 American community has made to the cultural and economic well-being of the State of Rhode
4 Island; and

5 WHEREAS, Rogerio de Oliveira Medina was born in Granja do Ulmeiro, Coimbra,
6 Portugal, on December 22, 1940, son of Antonio Pereira Medina and Maria Isabel de Oliveira.
7 He is married to Celeste Marques Mendes and is the father of Lillian Medina Travis, Leonor
8 Marques Medina, and the late Fernando Jorge Marques Medina, and has eight grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Medina is a learned man who has completed numerous high-level
10 courses at universities and colleges across the globe in a myriad of subject matters, including
11 Industrial Technology Teaching, Industrial Planning, English Language and Literature, a course
12 in Economics at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada, professional courses at the Community
13 College of Rhode Island, a course in General Studies at the University of Rhode Island, and a
14 course entitled "English and Citizenship of the Province of Ontario, Department of Provincial
15 Secretary and Citizenship". In 1970, he was awarded an official degree of the Order of Infante D.
16 Henrique by the President of the Portuguese Republic; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Medina moved to Canada in 1967, and was a Founding Member of the
18 Portuguese School of Lusitania Portuguese Club of Ottawa, serving in the positions of Professor

1 and Director until 1975. He also served in the Cultural Services and Consular Section of the
2 Embassy of Portugal in Ottawa, Canada, from 1972 to 1975, when he was nominated to serve as
3 Vice-Consul of Portugal in Providence, Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, For more than forty years, Mr. Medina has been an enthusiastic, tireless and
5 faithful supporter of the Portuguese-American community in Rhode Island and has contributed
6 much in support of the Rhode Island Day of Portugal. He was a founding member in 1976 of the
7 Portuguese Heritage Choir and a member incorporator of the Portuguese Cultural Foundation. In
8 2007, he was the President of the Day of Portugal and the Portuguese Heritage in Rhode Island
9 Celebrations. He also served as the General Secretary and President of the General Assembly of
10 the Labor Union of Administrative Agents of Diplomatic and Consular Missions of Portugal in
11 the United states and Canada; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby honors and thanks Mr. Rogerio de Oliveira Medina for his many contributions in support
14 of the Rhode Island Day of Portugal and the Portuguese-American community in Rhode Island
15 over the past forty years; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Rogerio de Oliveira Medina.

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