

No. R-360. House concurrent resolution congratulating Agron and Irena Gerdhuqi on the tenth anniversary of Olympic Pizza in Rutland City.

(H.C.R.275)

Offered by: Representatives Tate of Mendon, Burditt of West Rutland, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Cupoli of Rutland City, Fagan of Rutland City, Gage of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, McCoy of Poultney, Potter of Clarendon, Russell of Rutland City, Shaw of Pittsford, and Terenzini of Rutland Town

Whereas, new Americans, whose goal is to achieve the American dream, often confront a challenging task, and

Whereas, Agron and Irena Gerdhuqi immigrated from their native country of Albania, seeking a better life in the United States, and

Whereas, the couple settled in Rutland City and, ten years ago, opened their own business, Olympic Pizza, and

Whereas, Agron and Irena Gerdhuqi are the sole proprietors of this small but bustling pizzeria that is the focus of their entrepreneurial energy, and

Whereas, they spend the entire business day, from opening till closing, creating luscious pizzas, waiting on customers, and attending to the managerial details associated with operating a successful small business, and

Whereas, producing the highest quality pizza and other products is of great importance for Agron and Irena Gerdhuqi, and they take tremendous pride in their work, to which they devote much care and effort, and

Whereas, Agron and Irena Gerdhuqi respect their employees' hard work, and the couple pays their employees above-average wages compared to those paid to persons working in similar positions at comparable businesses, and

Whereas, these small business owners have donated generously to local charities, and

Whereas, Agron and Irena Gerdhuqi have become irreplaceable members of their community and are a wonderful example of an immigrant couple that has worked hard to make a successful and meaningful life in their new homeland, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Agron and Irena Gerdhuqi on the tenth anniversary of Olympic Pizza in Rutland City, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Agron and Irena Gerdhuqi in Rutland City.