

State of New Jersey



THE SENATE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

By Senator CRUZ-PEREZ and Assemblymen MOEN and SPEARMAN

WHEREAS, The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey are pleased to salute Bell Rexall Pharmacy, highly esteemed in the Garden State, upon the auspicious occasion of its Ninetieth Anniversary; and,

WHEREAS, Opened in 1931 by its namesake, Henry Bellitz, Bell Rexall Pharmacy was later owned by pharmacist Max Schwartz, who ably upheld its standards from 1946 to 1997 when he sold it to the Doganiero family, with descendants Anthony Minniti and sister Marian Morton currently at the helm, always maintaining a deeply rooted connection to the Camden community; and,

WHEREAS, This has been made especially apparent in the many historic events the Pharmacy has survived and played a part in, particularly when local residents spray-painted the words *Don't touch this building* on its walls and waved rioters away during the unrest following the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; and,

WHEREAS, Bell Rexall Pharmacy's longstanding support of the LGBTQ community has built on its sterling reputation amongst its patrons, including the current owners' expression of support and steadfast friendship towards those who suffered the most during the AIDS epidemic, as well as through its offering PrEP counseling, HIV medication and therapy, and hormone treatments; and,

WHEREAS, The Pharmacy is further noted for its unique array of pharmaceutical relics of the past on permanent display, such as a mid-twentieth-century mortar and pestle, glass prescription bottles, and antique scales; and,

WHEREAS, The strength and prosperity of the State of New Jersey and the vitality of our American society depend, in great measure, upon such exceptional entities as Bell Rexall Pharmacy that seek to better the lives of others and contribute to their local economies; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether proper and fitting for this Legislature to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge Bell Rexall Pharmacy and its importance to the City of Camden and to this State; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

That this Legislature hereby honors Bell Rexall Pharmacy, pays tribute to its meritorious record of service and commitment, and extends sincere best wishes for its continued success and vigor; and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution, signed by the Senate President and the Assembly Speaker and attested by the Senate Secretary and the Assembly Clerk, be transmitted to Bell Rexall Pharmacy.

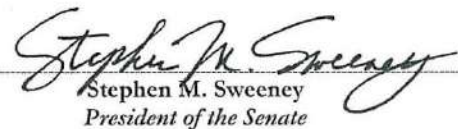
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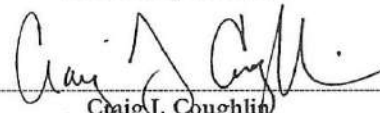


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