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The Honorable Karen Alzate, Chair
House Committee on Special Legislation
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for H-8474 Naming Smith Street & Route 95 Overpass for George Nee

Dear Chair Alzate:

On behalf of the over 10,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) in Rhode Island, I write in SUPPORT of H-8474, naming the bridge over Smith Street and Route 95, the George Nee Bridge. George Nee dedicated his life's work to honorably and fiercely fight for the interests of working families, representing the best of us with dignity and compassion. This is a fitting honor for a man who has given so much back to our state.

As the retired President of the Rhode Island AFL-CIO, George Nee leaves a proud legacy advancing the rights of union families throughout the State of Rhode Island. Steadfast and passionate, he always had a clear vision of what was in the best interests of working families. His work ensured that all working people, received the dignity, representation, and hard-earned wages and benefits they so rightfully deserve.

As always, thank you for your time and consideration. On behalf of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) New England Region, I strongly support H-8474, and urge passage.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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cc: The Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Christopher R. Blazejewski, Majority Leader
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