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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND
BUTTERFIELD, II**

Introduced By: Representatives Lancia, and Nardolillo

Date Introduced: January 29, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of
2 Raymond Butterfield, II, the beloved husband of Eileen Butterfield, and the devoted father of
3 Raymond Butterfield, III, and his wife, Laura, Michelle Butterfield-Franco and her companion,
4 Maurice Fontaine, and Suzanne Chase and her husband, Dale. He was also the very proud
5 grandfather of Emily, Raymond IV, Natalie, Matthew, CJ, Brandon, and Ryan; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Butterfield was the only child of the late Raymond and Alice A.
7 Butterfield. While born in Providence, Mr. Butterfield had grown up, made his home and settled
8 his family in Cranston. Upon graduation from Cranston High School East, he enlisted in the
9 United States Navy and served our country with honor as a Machinist Mate on the USS
10 Brownson; and

11 WHEREAS, After returning from military service, Mr. Butterfield attended the New
12 England Institute of Anatomy and Mortuary Science in Boston, and attained his degree and
13 passed the National Board Examinations in Funeral Service. He entered the family business, The
14 Butterfield Home and Chapel, where he oversaw services and interment arrangements for
15 countless neighbors, friends, and family members. During his four decades at the business, he
16 served as Funeral Director, Embalmer, Owner and President, and his compassion, dignity, and
17 professionalism during those difficult times was a source of support and comfort to all; and

18 WHEREAS, Also committed to serving his community, Mr. Butterfield was a dedicated
19 member of the Rotary Club of Cranston, had been named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2008, and had

1 received special recognition for maintaining perfect weekly attendance in Rotary International for
2 35 consecutive years. In addition, he volunteered with Boy Scout Troop 66, and was a member
3 of the East Greenwich Yacht Club, American Legion Auburn Post #20, East Greenwich
4 Fireman's Club, Little Rhody Pontiac Chapter, Auburn Library Club, Cranston Council Knights
5 of Columbus #1738, the Rhode Island and National Funeral Directors Associations, and was a
6 former member of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Butterfield spent many wonderful hours fishing and enjoying the water
8 on his boat Wake, and later on Wake II. He had competed in the Rhode Island Tuna Tournament
9 and U.S. Atlantic Tuna Tournaments for more than thirty-five years. In addition, he participated
10 in the Block Island Bill Fish Tournament where he also served on the Tournament Organizational
11 Committee and as the Tournament Weighmaster; and

12 WHEREAS, Ray Butterfield led a happy and fulfilled life. He was a loving family man, a
13 consummate gentleman, and a loyal friend to many. He leaves this world a better place because of
14 his life's endeavors and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Raymond
17 Butterfield, II; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Eileen Butterfield and Family.

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