

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THOMAS G. SUPROCK

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Metts, Satchell, Algieri, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 07, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Thomas G. Suprock, the son of the late George and Louise Suprock, has
2 passed away at the age of sixty-six. He was an authentic American war hero and was a beloved
3 figure within the Rhode Island veterans' community; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Suprock served our nation with valor and honor as a helicopter pilot in
5 the Vietnam War. He was a fearless and courageous pilot who had the difficult and precarious job
6 of flying reconnaissance missions at a low altitude over enemy held territory and offering his
7 helicopter as a moving target in order to draw the enemy out and reveal their positions; and

8 WHEREAS, In the line of duty, Mr. Suprock had to make nine "unscheduled landings"
9 which was a euphemism he used to describe being shot down by the enemy. These hard landings
10 put severe stress on his back and spine that resulted in severe pain and discomfort in the years to
11 come. He was eventually in so much spinal pain that he needed to wear a morphine pump to send
12 relief to his damaged spine ; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of his heroic service to our nation, Mr. Suprock was awarded
14 twenty-four medals of valor including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, and the
15 Rhode Island Cross; and

16 WHEREAS, After returning home from the Vietnam War, Mr. Suprock continued his
17 aviation career at T.F. Green Airport, where he eventually became the Chief of Facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Suprock never forgot his roots and worked tirelessly on behalf of
19 veterans returning from combat, particularly those who returned home disabled. He was a pillar
20 of strength and honor to all those who got to know him and he will be sorely missed by his

1 family, many friends, and innumerable admirers; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Suprock leaves behind his wife, Susanne Suprock, a daughter, Ingrid
3 Suprock, a son, Jeremy Martini, step-sons John and Brandon Dailey, and a sister, Patricia
4 Suprock; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Thomas G. Suprock; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Susanne Suprock and family.

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