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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

**EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DR. CLARK AUGUSTUS
SAMMARTINO**

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Shekarchi, Walsh, Filippi, and Lima

Date Introduced: February 26, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Dr.
2 Clark A. Sammartino, beloved husband of 57 years to his wife, Carole, and devoted father to
3 Catherine "Cassie" Berg and her husband, Andrew, Joanna Bailey and her husband, Thomas,
4 Michael Sammartino, and his wife, Pamela, David Sammartino, and his wife, Kimberly, and his
5 twin daughters, the late Lisa and Joanna Sammartino. He was also the proud grandfather of eight
6 grandchildren, Lucas Berg, Adam Berg, Nicolas Berg, Clark Sammartino, Emma Sammartino,
7 Isabelle Sammartino, Augustus Bailey and Ameline Bailey, and seven nieces and nephews; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Sammartino was the son of the late Dr. Agostino and Frances
9 Sammartino, and the brother of the late Frances Innis. He graduated from Classical High School,
10 and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University, where he served as his alumnae
11 class president for decades, co-chaired reunions, and was a board member of Brown's Athletic
12 Hall of Fame. Continuing his education, he received his Master of Science degree in bacteriology
13 from the University of Rhode Island, and graduated with honors from the Tufts School of Dental
14 Medicine, where he became an assistant clinical professor; and

15 WHEREAS, For twenty-seven years, Dr. Sammartino was an oral and maxillofacial
16 surgeon. He also served as the Chief and Director of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery at Rhode
17 Island, Roger Williams, and St. Joseph's/Our Lady of Fatima Hospitals, as well as Roger
18 Williams Medical Center, and had published scholarly articles in various medical journals,
19 including the Journal of the American Dental Society, the Journal of the American Medical

1 Association, and the Journal of Oral Surgery; and

2 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement as a surgeon, Dr. Sammartino founded Blue Fin
3 Capital, an investment advisory firm, with partners Rich Carolan and Mars Bishop. He had also
4 served as a boxing judge, presiding over more than 120 championship bouts on behalf of all four
5 major organizations recognized by the International Boxing Federation; and

6 WHEREAS, Professionally, Dr. Sammartino was a past President of the Rhode Island
7 Dental Association and Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.
8 He also served the community on numerous boards including, former Chairman of the Rhode
9 Island Health, Education and Building Corporation, former Board President of Saint Mary's
10 Home for Children, and former President of the American Cancer Society (Rhode Island
11 Division); and

12 WHEREAS, Described as unassuming and generous, hard-working and ever-cheerful,
13 Dr. Clark Sammartino was widely-admired and loved by all who had the good fortune to be part
14 of his extraordinary life 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 offers sincere condolences on the passing of Dr. Clark A.
17 Sammartino; 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 Mrs. Carole Sammartino and Family.

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