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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Conley, and Coyne

Date Introduced: March 04, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, William Stringfellow, an iconic and beloved figure within the East
2 Providence and Rhode Island football communities, passed away on February 13, 2020. He was
3 the devoted husband of the late Sheila Stringfellow, to whom he had been married for sixty-one
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Stringfellow was born in East Providence, the son of the late William
6 and Jennie Stringfellow. A lifelong East Providence resident, Mr. Stringfellow graduated from
7 East Providence High School in 1945, where he played football, wrestled, and was a member of
8 the school band. After high school, he attended Wilbraham Academy and later graduated from
9 Springfield College in 1950; and

10 WHEREAS, After college, Mr. Stringfellow served our nation with honor and distinction
11 as a member of the United States Army. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he began his
12 exemplary public service career with a teaching position at St. Dunstan's. He subsequently taught
13 at Central Junior High School (now Edward R. Martin Middle School); and

14 WHEREAS, Soon thereafter, Mr. Stringfellow began his legendary career as a teacher
15 and coach at East Providence High School. He taught physical education and health, and was a
16 renowned football coach for the Townies, winning State Championships in 1969, 1970, 1979 and
17 1980; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1977, Mr. Stringfellow was appointed to the position of Athletic Director
19 for all city schools. He later served as East Providence's first City Recreation Director for
20 fourteen years, and after his retirement, he served as the Bishop Hendricken freshman football

1 coach for ten years; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Stringfellow is survived by his children, William Stringfellow, III, and
3 his wife, Debbie, Arthur Stringfellow and his wife, Christen, Peter Stringfellow and his wife,
4 Kristen, Paul Stringfellow and his wife, Sheila, Todd Stringfellow and his wife, Stacey, Jonathan
5 Stringfellow and his wife, Annie, and Ann Taglianetti and her husband, Ron. He is also survived
6 by his twenty-five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He
7 was the brother of the late Thomas Stringfellow; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Mr. William Stringfellow; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to William Stringfellow, III, Arthur Stringfellow,
12 Peter Stringfellow, Paul Stringfellow, Todd Stringfellow, Jonathan Stringfellow, and Ann
13 Taglianetti.

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