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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN BRITTO

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Kazarian, Hull, Henries, Amore, Filippi,  
and Ajello

Date Introduced: January 28, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, John "Johnny" Britto, a legendary fixture within the Fox Point community,  
2 passed away on January 26, 2021; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Britto served as the Athletic Director at the Fox Point Boys & Girls  
4 Club until his retirement in 2017, and was a positive influence in the lives of five generations of  
5 Fox Point residents, especially members of the Cape Verdean community; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Britto was always available to assist those in need and his advice and  
7 wisdom were highly valued by many, especially newly arrived immigrants from Cape Verde  
8 finding their way in a new country. Whether Mr. Britto was teaching kids how to play basketball,  
9 refereeing a sports activity, or telling interesting stories with important life lessons contained  
10 within them, the one constant was that he was always striving to ensure that the Fox Point  
11 neighborhood was a welcoming and safe place in which all residents, including new immigrants,  
12 could thrive and realize their full potential; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Britto received numerous awards and honors throughout his  
14 distinguished public service career, including the Outstanding Citizenship Hero Award from Blue  
15 Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, induction into the Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame by  
16 the City of Providence in 2013, and most recently, he was among six Fox Point "elders" honored  
17 by the City of Providence; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Britto leaves behind his five children, Anthony Britto, John Britto, the  
19 Honorable Robert Britto, East Providence City Council President, Karen Farmer, and Donna  
20 Silva. Mr. Britto was the father of the late Denisse Britto. He also leaves behind ten

1 grandchildren; now, therefore be it

2           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
3 expresses its deepest condolences to the Britto Family on the passing of John Britto; and be it  
4 further

5           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Anthony Britto, John Britto, the Honorable  
7 Robert Britto, Karen Farmer and Donna Silva.

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