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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE VICTOR J.
BERETTA

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Craven, McEntee, Filippi, and
Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 04, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of the
2 Honorable Victor J. Beretta, a highly respected retired Associate Justice of the Rhode Island
3 District Court, the loving husband of Dolores for sixty-seven years, and the devoted father of
4 Lianne and her husband, Hans-Christian Ritter, Victor Beretta Jr., and his wife, Dayna, Lili
5 Fontana, Maria Beretta, Melissa and Jean Labrecque, and Melinda and her husband Bruce
6 Namenson. He was also the very proud grandfather of Giana and her husband, Isaac, Zach,
7 Michael and his wife, Emily, Gabrielle, Max, Jacob, Hannah and her husband, John, Noble, and
8 Juliette, and one great-grandson, Cayden; and

9 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Victor Beretta was a son of Victor and Chiara Beretta
10 and the brother of Aldo Beretta and his wife, Elaine, and Raymond Beretta and his wife, Joan.
11 He attended Windmill Street Elementary, Samuel Slater Junior High School, and Pawtucket West
12 Senior High School, and earned his Bachelor's degree from Providence College, and his Juris
13 Doctorate from Boston University Law School. He served our country with honor as an
14 Administrative Specialist in the United States Army; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon passing the Rhode Island Bar, Justice Beretta served as a Clerk for the
16 Rhode Island Supreme Court and subsequently took a position as an Associate with the
17 Providence law firm of Arcaro, Bellilove and Kolodney. In 1966, he was appointed City Solicitor
18 for the City of Pawtucket, and in 1972, was sworn in as Associate Justice of the Rhode Island
19 District Court, a position he held for twenty-five years until his retirement; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice Beretta amassed numerous professional distinctions and served on
2 myriad professional and altruistic boards including, the Equitable Credit Union of Pawtucket, the
3 Parish Counsel of Saint Maria Goretti Church, the Fox Hill Lane Association of Franconia in
4 New Hampshire, the North Farm Homeowners' Association of Bristol, the Windstar Board of
5 Directors of Naples, Florida, Rhode Island State Chairman of the National Institute of Municipal
6 Law Officers, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

7 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Justice Beretta was an avid tennis player, skier, golfer,
8 and boater. He also enjoyed spending time in the White Mountains, vacationing and skiing with
9 his wife, children, and grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Justice Beretta possessed a brilliant mind, and a fair and magnanimous
11 spirit, and he will be profoundly missed by those who had the good fortune to be a part of his
12 vital and fulfilling life; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
14 expresses its deepest sympathies on the passing of the Honorable Victor J. Beretta, Jr. He will
15 forever be remembered by the entire membership and the citizens of this State as a highly
16 respected and admired judge who presided with fairness and justice over the matters before the
17 Rhode Island District Court; 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. Dolores Beretta and Family.

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