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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF NORMAN
LANDROCHE, SR.

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Serpa, Casimiro,
Alzate, Williams, Fogarty, and Ajello

Date Introduced: March 09, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Norman
2 Landroche, Sr., a dedicated public servant for many years. Mr. Landroche was the son of Leo and
3 Blanche Landroche and lived his entire life in West Warwick. He was the devoted husband of
4 Yvette for sixty-two years; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Landroche, known as “Big Norm” by family and friends, served our
6 nation with honor, courage and distinction during the Korean War as a member of the United
7 States Army. He was a member of the 25th Infantry Division and received the Combat
8 Infantryman Badge Award along with other campaign awards and ribbons. He was discharged
9 with the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

10 WHEREAS, After returning to West Warwick after his military service, Mr. Landroche
11 worked as a carpenter and used his carpentry skills to build his parents a home. He also played
12 guitar in a band, and met his future bride while both were playing “gigs” at the same event; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Landroche’s lifelong goal as a young man was to become a firefighter.
14 He got his start as a callman in 1955 and eventually reached his goal and became a full-fledged
15 firefighter in December of 1966. In his distinguished thirty-two year career as a firefighter with
16 the West Warwick Fire Department, Mr. Landroche worked tirelessly to protect the lives and
17 property of the citizenry of West Warwick. He valiantly fought numerous major fires including
18 the St. Onge fire in 1972, the Agway fire in 1987 and the Crompton Mill fire in 1992; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Landroche was a hard-working and devoted family man who worked

1 two jobs most of his life in order to provide for his loved ones and ensure that his children
2 received the best education possible. Despite his busy life, he always found the time to attend his
3 children's academic, sporting and other important activities, and was always willing to help in
4 any way he could, such as volunteering to drive a bus to transport his kids' teams to competitions
5 and other important events; and

6 WHEREAS, Music was always a big part of Mr. Landroche's life, whether he was
7 playing his guitar or serving as a "roadie" for the Landroche Family Singers. Mr. Landroche
8 loved travelling with his family, especially after he purchased a pop-up trailer. Maine, in
9 particular, was a favorite family travel destination. He also travelled with his wife and family to
10 London, Germany, Hawaii, St. Kitts, and many other destinations, and he always managed to
11 include on his trips a tour of the local fire station; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Landroche and his wife enjoyed attending events at Trinity Repertory
13 and later the Providence Performing Arts Center, and switched to attending Providence Bruins
14 hockey games and URI Basketball games after his hearing began to decline. He enjoyed riding
15 his John Deere in his big yard, where he would give his grandkids rides and reminisce about the
16 time when he built a chicken coop and raised chickens and a rooster to provide fresh eggs for his
17 family. He once built a garden but ended up turning it into a competition-level horseshoe court
18 which he used for family gatherings and Fourth of July parties. He was also a superb cook and
19 particularly enjoyed cooking pork pies and pea soup every Christmas Eve for Réveillon following
20 midnight Mass; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Landroche was a member of Club Frontenac and the West Warwick
22 Elks. He was also a member of the Firefighters Local 1104 Executive Board, and the West
23 Warwick Police & Firefighter Association; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Yvette, Mr. Landroche leaves behind his children,
25 Janine Burke-Wells and her wife, Roberta, the Honorable Norman Landroche, Jr., and his wife,
26 Kim, John-Paul Landroche, and Julie Noret and her husband, the Honorable Tom Noret. Mr.
27 Landroche was also a devoted grandfather to his eight grandchildren, Logan, Leighton, and
28 Brighton Landroche, John-Paul Jr., and Joseph Landroche, Billie Burke, and Addison and Robbie
29 Noret. He also leaves behind his brothers-in-law Romeo and Louis Maynard and his sisters-in-
30 law Ninette Morduant and Jackie Maynard, as well as many close friends; now, therefore be it

31 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
32 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Norman Landroche, Sr.; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
34 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Yvette Landroche, Janine Burke-Wells, the

1 Honorable Norman Landroche, Jr., John-Paul Landroche and Julie Noret.

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