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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THEODORE WOODS**

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Barros, Filippi, Hull,  
Abney, Ranglin-Vassell, Biah, and Williams

Date Introduced: May 11, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Theodore "Ted" Woods, formerly of Providence, was the son of the late  
2 Ethel Woods and Jesse Woods. He was the beloved husband of Constance Jones for fifty-six  
3 years; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Woods grew up on Benefit Street on the East Side of Providence and  
5 later on Federal Hill. He attended Providence Public Schools and graduated from Central High  
6 School. He was a stellar and recognized youth athlete in the sports of baseball, basketball and  
7 football; and

8           WHEREAS, After High School, Mr. Woods enlisted in the United States Air Force for  
9 three years and then re-enlisted in the United States Army for an additional three years. He was a  
10 Vietnam War Veteran and served our nation with honor and distinction. After being honorably  
11 discharged from the United States Army, Mr. Woods proceeded to work for the United States  
12 Post Office, serving for twenty-eight years until his retirement in 1995; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Woods was a devoted volunteer throughout his life for many  
14 organizations throughout the City of Providence. He served the City as a bus monitor, fundraiser  
15 for youth sports and activities, as a coach, "Santa Claus", and a youth advocate and mentor. He  
16 was a special part of the Bishop McVinney Elementary and Middle Schools, especially when his  
17 daughters were students at the school; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Woods leaves behind a distinguished legacy as a coach of both boys  
19 and girls basketball in several different leagues. He won his first Rhode Island State  
20 Championship as a Boys Middle School Basketball Coach in the 1978-79 season. He also

1 received numerous awards and honors while serving as a coach, athletic director and volunteer;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Woods returned to public service when he was recruited by the City of  
4 Providence to join the City's Recreation Department and lead their after-school programs. He  
5 represented the City on numerous youth oriented boards and civic programs. He also served as  
6 the Assistant Director of the Sackett Street Recreation Center and was heavily involved in the  
7 "Kids Café" after school snack program. He also supported programs at many of the city's other  
8 recreation centers; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Woods was a passionate lifetime sports fan who cherished being a  
10 season ticket holder for his Providence College basketball and New England Patriots football.  
11 Nothing made him happier than relaxing and watching ESPN. Mr. Woods was also a former  
12 long-term member of the Prince Hall Masons in Providence; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife Constance, Mr. Woods leaves behind his daughters  
14 Tracey Woods and Shelley Woods Whiting. He also leaves behind his son-in-law W. Bernard  
15 Whiting, Jr., and his grandson Theodore B. Whiting. He is also survived by his brothers Maurice  
16 Woods and Frank Woods, and embraced Dara Pincas and her sons Rennan and Mattan as bonus  
17 children and grandchildren. He also leaves behind his goddaughters Dawn and Anchantee Lewis  
18 and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends across the nation. Mr. Woods was preceded in  
19 death by his siblings Elynor Adams, Barbara Clements, Patricia James, James Woods, and  
20 Donald Clark; now, therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
22 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Theodore Woods; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
24 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Constance Woods and Family.

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