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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF THE
HONORABLE JOSEPH J. SOLOMON, SR.**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Shanley, Bennett,
Serpa, Vella-Wilkinson, Filippi, Kennedy, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: May 25, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness and sorrow that this House has learned of the passing
2 of the Honorable Joseph Solomon, Sr., beloved husband and soulmate of the love of his life,
3 Cynthia Solomon for thirty-six years, the cherished and very proud father of our friend and
4 colleague, the Honorable Joseph Solomon, Jr., and the highly respected former Councilman and
5 Mayor of the City of Warwick; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Joe Solomon was the son of Rose Solomon and the late
7 Samuel Solomon, and the brother of RoseMarie Fontaine and her husband, Russell, Nancy
8 Armoush and her husband, Robert, Carol Paiva, Linda Maroun and her husband, Kenneth, and
9 Marilyn Solomon Bruzzese and her husband, Raymond. He was a graduate of Classical High
10 School and received an Accounting degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Providence College.
11 Continuing his education, he attained his Juris Doctor from New England School of Law in
12 Boston; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Solomon had made his home in the City of Warwick for more than four
14 decades. He served the City he loved as a nine-term councilman, with four terms as President,
15 and in 2018, was elected as the 15th Mayor of Warwick. He had also served as a municipal
16 judge, and was a business owner, accountant, and successful lawyer; and

17 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Mayor and Councilman, the Honorable Joe Solomon
18 was a true champion of fiscal responsibility, economic development, superior City services, and
19 environmental protection, and expanding accessibility to Warwick's beautiful coastline, as well as

1 the improvement of infrastructure and municipal buildings in the City. He was particularly proud
2 of productively leading the City through the initial year of COVID with a budget surplus; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Solomon was described as "a self-made man who came from humble
4 beginnings and built several successful businesses" and a man who had "developed a reputation
5 as a tough but fair leader and a shrewd fiscal manager" who was known to have "a soft spot for
6 animals, the less-advantaged, and the elderly"; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Solomon maintained close family ties with his
8 extended family including Donald and Maryanne Solomon, Jeannette Solomon, and Raphael
9 Azar, Sisters Catherine and Yasmine Azar, Susan (Azar) Farhart, former General Treasurer
10 Anthony J. Solomon and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Angela
11 and Walter Santos, and his aunts and uncles, Sarah Solomon, John Solomon, Sr., and Jean and
12 Tanous Azar; and

13 WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe Solomon had a huge heart and a warm smile, and was
14 blessed with a large and loving family that he adored. He epitomized a dedicated civic servant
15 who gave more than two decades of his time and talents to the betterment of the people of
16 Warwick and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 extends its heartfelt sympathy to the Solomon Family on the passing of the Honorable Joseph J.
19 Solomon, Sr.; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Cynthia Solomon, Mrs. Rose Solomon,
22 and the Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.

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