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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GERALD J. GRANAHAN

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazewski, Serpa, C Lima, Costantino,  
Azzinaro, Filippi, Kennedy, Fogarty, and Fellela

Date Introduced: January 18, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Gerald  
2 Granahan of East Greenwich. Mr. Granahan was the beloved husband of Mary Lou Granahan;  
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4           WHEREAS, Mr. Granahan was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania, a son of the late Patrick  
5 Henry and Helen Granahan. He was a talented and famous singer/songwriter/producer who began  
6 his distinguished career as a demo singer for Elvis Presley working on the songs "Jailhouse Rock  
7 and "Teddy Bear". He had earned four Gold Records in the late 1950s before he moved on to  
8 become one of the most notable record producers of the 1960s with countless successful hits like  
9 "Click-Clack" by Dicky Doo & the Don'ts, "You Were Mine" by the Fireflies, and "No Chemise,  
10 Please" under his own name; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Granahan grew into one of the youngest record executives in popular  
12 music history, beginning at Caprice Records, and later at the major labels United Artists,  
13 Paramount and Dot, where he produced blockbuster hits for Jay & The Americans and Patty  
14 Duke. He also produced the original recordings of the famous songs, "If You Gotta Make a Fool  
15 of Somebody" by James Ray, and "My Boyfriend's Back" by The Angels. Later in his career, Mr.  
16 Granahan rose to the position of Vice President of Dot Records and Paramount Records. The  
17 audio and streaming service Spotify has called him "One of the more influential producers of  
18 pop/rock on the East Coast." For decades he also performed and entertained countless audiences  
19 as Dicky Doo and the Don'ts featuring Gerry Granahan; and

20           WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Mary Lou, Mr. Granahan leaves behind his children,

1 Gerianne Granahan Genga, and Tara Granahan Keane, and his grandchildren, Jordan Genga, Jade  
2 Genga, Morgan LeKites, Madison LeKites and Jared Cannone. He was the father of the late  
3 Thomas Kiernan Granahan, and the brother of the late Joseph Donnelly, Paul Donnelly, Vincent  
4 Granahan, Anna Granahan, Patrick Granahan, Rosemary Granahan Tischler and Harold  
5 Granahan; now, therefore be it

6           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
7 expresses its deepest condolences to the Granahan Family on the passing of Mr. Gerald J.  
8 Granahan; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Mary Lou Granahan, Gerianne Granahan  
11 Genga, and Tara Granahan Keane.

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