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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE M.  
GREGORIAN

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Filippi,  
Fenton-Fung, Solomon, Fellela, Messier, and Bennett

Date Introduced: March 01, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of George M.  
2 Gregorian, a longtime resident of the City of Cranston and a mentor to many in the business field;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, George Gregorian, better known by family and friends as "Frenchy", was  
5 born in the City of Providence, a cherished son of Virginia Rafaelian Gregorian and the late  
6 George K. Gregorian, who was also nick-named "Frenchy", and the brother of Camille Gregorian  
7 and Janette Gregorian. He was also blessed with a large, extended family of aunts, uncles and  
8 many cousins in the Rafaelian, Demetrakas, Janigian, and Markarian clans; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon graduating from Moses Brown, Mr. Gregorian began his  
10 entrepreneurial career by creating the "Nuts to You" business which aided him with his tuition at  
11 Babson College where he earned his business degree; and

12 WHEREAS, After graduating, Mr. Gregorian became the owner of Landscape Lighting  
13 Concepts, Frenchy's Pop Corn and Frenchy's Countryside Creamery. From the time he was a  
14 young boy, he had loved the popcorn truck and eventually grew his business with concessions in  
15 multiple locations including Water Fire, The Greek Fest, the Carousel at Roger Williams Park  
16 and many other venues throughout Southern New England; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Gregorian was a unique individual, brilliant and educated, but also  
18 street smart and tumultuous. He made his own way, but always offered help to anyone, whenever  
19 and wherever there was a need. He was also very proud of his Armenian heritage and an ardent

1 supporter of the Armenian-American community; and

2 WHEREAS, George Gregorian "was a huge and vibrant personality who sometimes  
3 ruffled feathers but held a special place in the hearts of many for his generosity, caring and  
4 concern" and he is dearly missed but will always be remembered; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
6 extends deepest condolences on the passing of George M. Gregorian; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Virginia Rafaelian Gregorian.

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