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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL BUCCI

Introduced By: Representatives Fenton-Fung, Handy, Potter, Baginski, C Lima, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, and Ajello

Date Introduced: June 02, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Paul Bucci,
2 the loving husband of Kimberly Bucci for twenty-five years, and the devoted father of two
3 adoring sons, Brett and Craig; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Mr. Bucci was the youngest son of Philip and the late
5 Patricia Bucci, and the beloved brother of Philip and his wife, Kathy, James and his wife, Nancy,
6 Roy and his wife, Paula, David and his wife, Lisa, and Lynn Basile. He was also the proud uncle
7 of several nieces and nephews; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Bucci attended Cranston High School East and transferred to the
9 Governor Dummer Academy for his senior year. After graduating, he earned his Bachelor's
10 degree in Political Science with a minor in History from the University of Rhode Island; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon earning his degree, Mr. Bucci was employed as a Home Equity Credit
12 Analyst at Rhode Island Hospital Trust Bank. During his time with the bank, he met the love of
13 his life, Kimberly, and they married in 1997, and together purchased a home in Cranston and
14 started their family; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2001, Mr. Bucci resolved to follow his heart and become a teacher. He
16 graduated from Rhode Island College in 2002, and began his teaching career at the New England
17 Laborers Construction and Career Academy. To the very good fortune of many Cranston
18 students, he subsequently joined the staff at Cranston High School East, where he remained for
19 the next nineteen years. His love of teaching and for his students was evident in his years at the
20 High School with the way he connected and inspired them, always warmly greeting his students

1 and getting updates on his graduates; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to teaching, Mr. Bucci was the Cranston High School West Boys
3 Cross Country Coach, the Cranston High School East Assistant Boys Indoor Track Coach, and
4 the Cranston High School East Boys Outdoor Track Head Coach. As a totally dedicated dad, he
5 also coached his sons' tee-ball team, CLCF soccer coach, and many of their Budlong Little
6 League baseball teams; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Bucci also possessed a strong dedication to the community which led to
8 a successful campaign for the Cranston school committee, where he served two terms. He had
9 also had two unsuccessful runs for City Council, which he looked at in a positive light and was
10 proud of his "old school work ethic" and that he had walked every neighborhood, meeting and
11 talking to "nice people" in the district; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout his life Mr. Bucci had been a health enthusiast. He enjoyed
13 running road races, had completed one marathon, several half marathons, and ran and completed
14 The Blessing of the Fleet race twenty-eight times, so it was not only deeply sad but also shocking
15 to all who knew him when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Not surprisingly was that even
16 with the knowledge that he had limited time left on earth, he continued to teach and coach and
17 live his life to the fullest; and

18 WHEREAS, Paul Bucci lived with kindness, generosity, compassion, and honesty. His
19 bravery and determination in the face of adversity was inspirational as was his entire life and he
20 will be deeply missed by his loving family, his many friends, the community, and generations of
21 Cranston students; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
23 expresses deepest sympathy on the passing of Paul Bucci; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
25 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Kimberly Bucci and Family.

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