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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE ALVES FAMILY ON THE PASSING
OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM L. ALVES

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Felag, Raptakis, Pearson,
Lombardo, Gallo, F Lombardi, and E Morgan

Date Introduced: January 25, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with immense sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of our
2 former colleague, the Honorable William L. "Bud" Alves of West Warwick. He was the beloved
3 husband of the late Ann Alves for 57 years. Mr. Alves was born in Bristol and was raised and
4 lived in West Warwick for the last eighty years of his life. He was the eldest son of the late
5 William "Bill" Alves and Lena Alves; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Alves was a 1954 graduate of West Warwick High School where he
7 earned acclaim as one of the greatest football players and athletes in Rhode Island high school
8 sports history. He was a star football, basketball and baseball player for the Wizards, but it was on
9 the gridiron where he became most famous. An All-State selection for every sport he played, Mr.
10 Alves was named the 1953 School Boy Athlete of the Year. In the fall of 1952, he led West
11 Warwick to a State Title in football, scoring 35 touchdowns and 210 points, an incredible record
12 that lasted for twenty years. He graduated from West Warwick without ever losing a football
13 game in the State of Rhode Island; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Alves went on to play football at Boston College where he was a
15 member of the Greater Boston All-Star Team and graduated in 1958 with a degree in Business
16 Management. He went on to have a successful professional career and continued his love of
17 sports through coaching, playing golf, and passionately following the athletic exploits of his
18 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews as they participated in various
19 West Warwick and Cranston sporting events. Mr. Alves was inducted into the West Warwick

1 High School Hall of Fame in 1988, and the Providence Grid Iron Club Hall of Fame in 2007; and
2 WHEREAS, Mr. Alves was a distinguished member of the Rhode Island House of
3 Representatives for three terms from 1987 to 1993, representing the citizens of West Warwick
4 with honor, integrity and tireless devotion. He was a charismatic figure who was well-respected
5 and beloved by all who knew him. He also served as a member of the West Warwick Tax
6 Assessor Board of Review; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Alves leaves behind his children, Sharon Raiche and her husband,
8 David, William "Chuck" Alves and his wife, Diane, the Honorable Stephen Alves and his wife,
9 Debra, and Kathryn Vinton and her husband, Stephen. He was the father of the late Donna
10 Paliotta, and her husband, Richard, and Sally Jane Rainville and her husband, William "Billy"
11 Rainville. He was the proud grandfather of Michael Paliotta and Alicia Proulx, Matthew Raiche
12 and Amando Caetano, Jennifer Degraide and David Alves, William and Kaitlyn Alves, Stephen,
13 Kyle and Kayla Vinton, Jillian Nesbitt and Bryan Rainville, and the proud great-grandfather of
14 Brea, James, Lola, Calley, Jack, Adeline, Nicholas, Harper, Ryan, Zachary, Madden, Amelia,
15 Griffin, Paxton, Reilly, Nolan, and Hayes. He also leaves behind his loving companion, Helen
16 Kosubinsky, and many nieces and nephews; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest
18 condolences to the Alves Family on the passing of the Honorable William L. "Bud" Alves; and be
19 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 Sharon Raiche, William Alves, the Honorable
22 Stephen Alves, and Kathryn Vinton.

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