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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF RAYMOND L. DRURY**

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Amore, Solomon, and Bennett

Date Introduced: May 19, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of  
2 Raymond L. Drury. Better known as "Sean" by his family and many friends, he was the beloved  
3 husband for forty-six years to his wife, Joanne Drury, and the devoted father of Beth Anne  
4 Tanous and her husband, Thomas. He was also the very proud grandfather of four grandchildren,  
5 Samuel Drury Tanous, Gabriel Thomas Tanous, Lucas Sean Tanous, and the late Connor "Patch"  
6 Tanous; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Drury was born in Providence, a son of the late Leo and Catherine  
8 Drury, and had lived in Riverside for the past 11 years. In addition to his immediate family, he is  
9 survived by his brother, Leo Drury, his sister, Arleen Dmytryshyn, and a dear cousin, Corrine  
10 Bindon; and

11           WHEREAS, A graduate of Classical High School, Mr. Drury had received a Classic  
12 Language degree from Catholic University, a Master's degree in Italian from Middlebury College,  
13 and a Master's degree in Religious Studies from Providence College. He was also a recipient of a  
14 certificate of Jewish Studies from Temple Beth El in Providence; and

15           WHEREAS, By consistently demonstrating an abiding passion for teaching and instilling  
16 young minds with the value of knowledge, Raymond Drury provided the cornerstone for a  
17 brighter future for the students who had the good fortune to have called him their teacher. Before  
18 retiring in 2007, he had been a classics teacher at Bay View Academy for 14 years. He had  
19 previously taught at Mt. Hope High School for 24 years, at LaSalle Academy for 5 years, and at  
20 the Marianapolis Preparatory School for three years; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Drury was an Adjunct Professor at Providence College for  
2 20 years and was a former Christian Brother, and member of the Secular Franciscan Order. He  
3 was also a member of the National Education Association and the Rhode Island Foreign  
4 Language Association; and

5           WHEREAS, Raymond Drury was blessed with the total love of his family and the  
6 admiration and respect of generations of students, and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be  
7 it

8           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
9 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Raymond L.  
10 Drury. There is no doubt that this kind and gentle soul left the world a far better place because of  
11 his life's work; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Joanne Drury and Family.

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