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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE BARBER FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF DAVID
RAYMOND BARBER**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, DeSimone, Tanzi, Gallison, and Maldonado

Date Introduced: January 06, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, David Raymond Barber was born on April 25, 1955, in Flint, Michigan, son
2 of Raymond W. and Catherine Barber. David was a graduate of Mt. Morris High School and
3 Central Michigan University; and

4 WHEREAS, David Barber was a talented entertainer and an icon in Flint, Michigan. He
5 was noted for his superb renditions of famous lounge singers, particularly Frank Sinatra. He was
6 also a motivational speaker, salesman and broadcaster. One of his favorite mottos was "Look
7 them in the eye, have a firm handshake and shined shoes." His distinguished career also included
8 working as a DJ and as the talk radio host of the Dave Barber show on WTRX, WTAC, and
9 WFDF radio stations. He loved the craft of broadcasting and interviewed hundreds of notable
10 celebrities and politicians over the years, including many visits from his favorite guest, Nancy
11 Sinatra. He also had the honor of hosting the last interview President Carter gave on the night he
12 was elected President in 1976. Dave made his broadcasting debut with an appearance on "Meet
13 the Press", was twice named a "Top 100 Talk Show Host", and was honored at the Washington
14 Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, DC; and

15 WHEREAS, David was a naturally cheerful, outgoing man who used his many gifts in
16 support of numerous charities. He spent countless hours on telethons raising money for the
17 United Way and the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flint, Michigan; and

18 WHEREAS, Most recently, Dave was employed by the Rhode Island General Assembly
19 and served as the Capitol Television host of the show "Straight From the Gavel." He also

1 continued his charitable work in Rhode Island, making numerous appearances in support of the
2 Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket, and other charities; and

3 WHEREAS, Dave leaves behind a son, Chase Seegmiller, a brother, Larry Barber, and
4 his wife, Linda, nephew, Chad Barber, and his wife, Gena, niece, Julie Ann Fischer, and husband,
5 Joshua, his uncle, Mike Floria, and his wife, Mary, along with many cousins. He also leaves
6 behind his former wife, Ann Burke, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents
7 and his very special friend, Uncle Jerry Pavelich; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
9 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its condolences to the Barber Family on the passing of
10 David Raymond Barber; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Chase Seegmiller and Larry Barber.

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