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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

**EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE
RAYMOND H. DESTEFANIS**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, DeSimone, Newberry, O'Brien, and Edwards

Date Introduced: April 28, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness and regret that this House has learned of the
2 passing of the Honorable Raymond H. DeStefanis, beloved husband of Iris DeStefanis for 48
3 years, and a well-respected former member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives; and

4 WHEREAS, Blessed with a large and loving family, Mr. DeStefanis was the devoted
5 father of Lisa Vincent and her husband, Robert, Diane Scimone-Mancone and her husband, John,
6 and North Providence Councilman Raymond DeStefanis and his wife, Susan. He was also the
7 very proud grandfather of Ryan, Christopher and Matthew; and

8 WHEREAS, Born and raised in the north end section of the City of Providence, Mr.
9 DeStefanis was a son of the late Antonio and Mary DeStefanis, and the brother of Anthony and
10 Robert DeStefanis, Rhonda Faella, Camille Tella and the late Augustino DeStefanis, Marietta
11 Verrengia, Ilda Pensalfini and Tina Ciano; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. DeStefanis attended Providence's public schools and earned his
13 Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in accounting and management from Johnson & Wales
14 University. For many years, he was employed as a manager of a leading liquor distributor; and

15 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to serving his community, the Honorable Raymond
16 DeStefanis was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives in 1972, and served the
17 people of the 7th District in Providence through 1976; and

18 WHEREAS, After leaving the legislature, Mr. DeStefanis was appointed to the position
19 of Administrator of Occupational Safety within the Rhode Island Department of Labor, and in

1 1991, he was appointed Associate Director of the Rhode Island Department of Labor, a position
2 he held until his retirement in 2002; and

3 WHEREAS, Our thoughts and hearts hold great empathy and sorrow for the family of
4 Raymond DeStefanis. He was a loving husband, a devoted father, and a cherished grandfather. He
5 enriched the lives of all who knew him and will be dearly missed in the community; now,
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its deepest sympathies to the entire DeStefanis Family
9 on the passing of the Honorable Raymond H. DeStefanis. He will forever be remembered by this
10 House of Representatives and the people of Rhode Island for his commitment and service to our
11 state; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Iris DeStefanis and Family.

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