

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ABELARDO "ABE" HERNANDEZ**

Introduced By: Senators Bell, Quezada, Acosta, Goodwin, and Mack

Date Introduced: April 13, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Abelardo Hernandez, a beloved figure within the Olneyville neighborhood  
2 of Providence, has passed away. Born in Guayaquil, Ecuador in 1956, he immigrated to the  
3 United States in 1972. He married his high school sweetheart, Maria, and they moved to  
4 Providence in 1997. He enriched our state and his local community with his passion for youth  
5 sports and community involvement, and strived every day of his life to make his community an  
6 even better place in which to live, thrive and attain the American dream. He leaves behind his  
7 wife, children, and grandchildren; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez was a pivotal leader in the Olneyville neighborhood,  
9 working hard to grow the Olneyville Neighborhood Association. He was a tireless advocate for  
10 the needs of Olneyville residents, and worked especially hard to advocate for our undocumented  
11 neighbors; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez was a Sport Coordinator for Brown University and ran a  
13 summer soccer clinic in Providence. For twenty years, he ran the popular Guatemala Soccer  
14 League, which provided an escape for many people from places like Central America, South  
15 America and Africa, as they navigated through the roadblocks and opportunities of their new  
16 home and country. Mr. Hernandez served as a beloved mentor for countless young people; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez was taken from us far too soon; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest  
19 condolences on the passing of Mr. Abelardo Hernandez; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Marybel Martinez and the Hernandez Family.

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