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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GERALD J.
HABERSHAW

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, Bennett, Amore,
Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, McNamara, Filippi, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: January 06, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that we have learned of the passing of Mr. Gerald J.
2 Habershaw. He was the devoted husband of Beth Habershaw and the beloved son of Grace and
3 the late Robert Habershaw; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Habershaw was a 1983 graduate of Bishop Hendricken High School,
5 where he excelled in athletics. He was a star baseball, football and basketball player and was
6 inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Hall of Fame in 2014. Mr. Habershaw also attended
7 Providence College where he attained his bachelor's and master's degrees in Education and
8 played baseball; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Habershaw then proceeded to have a distinguished career in the
10 education field where he made a positive difference in the lives of many youngsters. Mr.
11 Habershaw began his professional career as a special education teacher at Pilgrim High School.
12 He later served as the Assistant Principal at Aldrich Junior High School, as the Principal at
13 Warwick Veterans Memorial High School and finally as the Principal at Pilgrim High School. In
14 2010, Mr. Habershaw was named the "Administrator of the Year" by the Rhode Island
15 Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Habershaw always gave back to his community and his school. He was
17 a successful coach for many years at Pilgrim High School, Salve Regina College, and Bishop
18 Hendricken. In his spare time he was an avid golfer and was a member of Kings Crossing in
19 North Kingstown; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Habershaw was a charismatic and widely admired school principal who
2 worked tirelessly to create a quality learning environment for his students. He will be long-
3 remembered by those who knew him and will be sorely missed by his loved ones and many
4 friends and colleagues. The President of Bishop Hendricken High School, Father Robert L.
5 Marciano, and Principal Mr. Mark DeCiccio, released a statement in which they stated that
6 “Gerry was a true Hendricken man, using his many talents and gifts for the service of others. He
7 always made his Hawk family proud in his noble chosen profession of teaching, coaching and
8 leading”. Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi also praised Mr. Habershaw with his statement that
9 “Warwick has suffered a devastating loss. I knew Gerald Habershaw back when I was on the
10 School Committee. He was devoted to his students and co-workers. He touched the lives of so
11 many in this city”; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Beth and his mother, Grace, Mr. Habershaw leaves
13 behind his children, Jared, Christian, Zoe, and Tessa Habershaw. He also leaves behind his
14 brothers, Robert and David Habershaw; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest
16 condolences on the passing of Mr. Gerald Habershaw; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Beth Habershaw and Family, and Mrs.
19 Grace Habershaw.

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