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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE
RAYMOND H. JOHNSTON, JR.

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Felix, Tobon, Hull, Messier,
Alzate, Kazarian, Amore, and Solomon

Date Introduced: January 06, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the untimely passing
2 of our friend and former member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the Honorable
3 Raymond H. Johnston, Jr.; and

4 WHEREAS, Ray, as he was known by his friends and family, was the son of the late
5 Maureen and Raymond Johnston Sr., the father of Raymond Johnston III, and the brother of
6 Laurie Boisclair, Paul Johnston, Kerrin Mitchell, Michael Johnston and the late Kenneth
7 Johnston. He was a life-long resident of the City of Pawtucket and had graduated from Saint
8 Raphael Academy and attended Roger Williams University, where he earned his degree in
9 Criminal Justice; and

10 WHEREAS, Ray began his service to the people of the State of Rhode Island working at
11 the ACI and subsequently became an officer with the Pawtucket Police Department. After 28
12 years of service, he retired in 2016, at the rank of detective; and

13 WHEREAS, On November 2nd of 2010, the Honorable Ray Johnston was elected to the
14 Rhode Island House of Representatives, serving his constituents in District 61, which
15 encompasses neighborhoods in the City of Pawtucket, and where for ten years, he never missed a
16 session; and

17 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the General Assembly, Ray was named Deputy
18 Majority Leader, and was First Vice Chair of the Committee on Corporations and the Committee
19 on Oversight, and a member of the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and

1 the House Committee on Municipal Government. He was a strong advocate for the City of
2 Pawtucket and a defender and supporter of children, and had sponsored various bills on school
3 bus safety and a study commission on ways to prevent child abduction, exploitation, and abuse;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Ray was very active in and a longtime sponsor and supporter of the
6 Pineview Little league, where he had served as President. He had also been the assistant district
7 administrator of Little League Baseball in Rhode Island, and had been a volunteer at the
8 Pawtucket Boys and Girls Club, Pawtucket Youth Soccer, and St. Leo's CYO Basketball. In
9 addition, he was a former member of Pawtucket Elks Lodge and was a current member of the
10 Attleboro Elks Lodge; and

11 WHEREAS, An avid sport's fan, Ray followed the Celtics, Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins, and
12 the Providence College Friars. He was proud of his Irish heritage, loved corned beef sandwiches,
13 and had enjoyed riding motorcycles, skiing, bowling, going to the beach, camping at Fishermen's
14 Memorial State Park in Narragansett and spending time with his family; and

15 WHEREAS, The Honorable Raymond Johnston was a generous and caring gentleman,
16 and a dedicated public servant, who always lent a hand to help others, and he will be dearly
17 missed; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
19 extends deepest condolences on the passing of the Honorable Raymond Johnston; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Raymond Johnston, III.

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