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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DONALD M. BROWN

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Kennedy, Abney,
Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Donovan, Serpa, Solomon, and Fellela

Date Introduced: January 10, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Donald
2 Brown, the loving husband of Celia Brown for more than sixty-five years, the cherished father of
3 Whitney Brown, and an original member of the Rhode Island House Veterans' Advisory Council;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born in South Kingstown, Mr. Brown was a son of the late Frederick and
6 Dorcas Brown, and the beloved brother of Dale, Michael, Robert, and Russell Brown, and the late
7 Susan Kresinski, Beryl Toth, Gale Brown, Richard Brown, and Betty Andrew. He was also the
8 uncle to many nieces and nephews; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown served our country with honor in the United States Marine
10 Corps. Throughout his lifetime, he continued his devotion to his fellow veterans as a founding
11 member and past President of the Rhode Island House Veterans' Advisory Council, where he was
12 recently honored with the title of "Life Member"; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, and had spent
14 most of his career in the field of education, serving for many years as the Athletic Director at
15 South Kingstown High School before retiring; and

16 WHEREAS, During his years in high school, college, and later as Athletic Director, Mr.
17 Brown's outstanding athletic talents and his ability to lead, coach, and inspire young athletes,
18 earned him induction into the Hall of Fame at North Kingstown High School, South Kingstown
19 High School, and the University of Rhode Island; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his family, veterans' associations, and career, Mr. Brown was

1 a member of the East Coast Drill Instructors Association and the National Association of Watch
2 and Clock Collectors; and

3 WHEREAS, Donald Brown was a loving husband, father, son, and brother, who
4 motivated myriad young people and served our country with valor and our State's veterans with
5 steadfast dedication, and he will be truly missed; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby extends deepest condolences on
7 the passing of Donald Brown; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Celia Brown and Family.

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