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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ZACHARY THOMAS QUINN

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Donovan, Carson, Kennedy, Tanzi, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, and Solomon

Date Introduced: February 09, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island lost one of its most dedicated and compassionate advocates  
2 for home nursing and healthcare services for those individuals living with disabilities or  
3 disparities with the passing of Zach Quinn; and

4 WHEREAS, Zach Quinn's life, although way too brief, and his intimate knowledge,  
5 empathy, and commitment to providing the fundamental necessities for those living with  
6 disabilities and disadvantages left a lasting impression and invoked positive change for the well-  
7 being of many Rhode Islanders who day-to-day face untenable obstacles to their very existence;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Although diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and bound to a  
10 wheelchair, Zach always put others needs above his own, whether advocating for wage parity or  
11 highlighting the significance and need for skilled nursing home care, he never let his own  
12 impediments interfere or mitigate a positive outcome or advancement for the issues at hand; and

13 WHEREAS, To accomplish his goals, Zach often talked to news outlets, participated in  
14 round table discussions, and testified before various committees and engaged legislators in his  
15 efforts to champion the multiple issues affecting those who needed and deserved a voice; and

16 WHEREAS, Zach also served as an MDA Good-Will Ambassador for Maine and Rhode  
17 Island, and had often spoken at various events about the complexities of living with Muscular  
18 Dystrophy; and

19 WHEREAS, Zachary Taylor loved to laugh, loved his family and friends, and was

1 blessed with the ability to bond and connect with people of all ages and standing in life; and

2 WHEREAS, It is fitting and just that the memory of those who have distinguished  
3 themselves as dedicated community advocates and leaders of whom we can all be proud should  
4 be honored and recognized; and

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
6 posthumously recognizes and honors Zach Quinn for his dedication to helping improve the lives  
7 of those living with disabilities and moreover extends deepest condolences to his loving parents,  
8 Michael and Lee-Ann Quinn, and his cherished sisters Allison, Samantha and Alivia Quinn; and  
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized an directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Michael and Lee-Ann Quinn and Family.

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