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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RONALD L. ST. PIERRE

Introduced By: Representatives J. Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Kennedy, Ajello, Fellela, Ackerman, Tanzi, and Boylan
Date Introduced: March 21, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Ron St.
2 Pierre, a renowned broadcaster and popular media figure for forty years, much of it spent in the
3 State of Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Ron St. Pierre grew up in the Darlington neighborhood of Pawtucket where
5 he began his long and distinguished media career as a paperboy. He graduated from St. Raphael
6 Academy in 1973, attended Rhode Island College and graduated from Graham Junior College in
7 1975, where he played goalie for the hockey team; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Pierre's broadcasting career officially began in the mid 1970s when
9 he worked as a cameraman at WJAR-TV and interned in the newsroom. This was a fortuitous
10 beginning for him, especially because he met the love of his life, and wife of 41 years, Patti; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Pierre's career began to take off when he accepted a position with
12 WNRI in Woonsocket in 1977. He went on to become the Program Director at WHJJ in the
13 1980s, where he hired Buddy Cianci to be an on-air radio host. He also anchored the weekend
14 sports for more than five years for WPRI/12; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1988, Mr. St. Pierre moved to WPRO and switched its format from music
16 to news and talk, and later became the President/General Manager. He subsequently moved on to
17 serve stints in West Palm Beach with WBZT/WKGR, and with WABC in New York City, before
18 returning to WPRO in 1997, where he co-hosted a radio talk show with Buddy Cianci; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Pierre's final media company position occurred from 2013 to 2020,
20 where he served as the drive time host for WHJJ for seven years until his retirement in 2020.

1 Most recently, he hosted a fun podcast with his longtime friend, Jen Brien, called "Ron and Jen's
2 Great Escape"; and

3 WHEREAS, In recognition of his stellar broadcast and media career, Mr. St. Pierre was
4 inducted into the Rhode Island Radio & Television Hall of Fame in 2010 and the Pawtucket Hall
5 of Fame in 2017. He was perhaps most proud of winning the Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring
6 celebrity dance fundraiser for RI Mentoring Partnership when he wowed all attendees with his
7 fancy dancing moves; and

8 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mr. St. Pierre enjoyed following sports, especially baseball,
9 loved to cook, was a 3 Stooges aficionado, played the accordion, and ran half marathons. In his
10 younger days, he excelled in athletics, playing ice hockey for the Lice Club and softball with
11 Skyway Construction in Pawtucket; and

12 WHEREAS, Ron St. Pierre leaves behind his wife of 41 years, Patti St. Pierre, his sister,
13 Janet Somerville, and her husband, Bill, his niece, Jill Roberts and nephew, Jeffrey Somerville;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Ron St. Pierre has left an enduring legacy of broadcasting excellence in
16 Rhode Island, New York and Florida. He was a respected and generous mentor to many young
17 people as they entered the media workforce and was a devoted husband and family man. He was
18 a beloved figure in Rhode Island who will be long-remembered by his loved ones, friends, and
19 fans of his excellent work; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
21 expresses its condolences on the passing of Ron St. Pierre; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
23 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Patti St. Pierre.

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