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Seventh Day

The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, January 20, 2004 and is called to order at 4:12 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable William J. Murphy, Speaker

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 69 members present and 5 members absent as follows:

PRESENT – 69: The Honorable Speaker Murphy and Representatives Ajello, Almeida, Amaral, Anguilla, Aubin, Benson, Brien, Caprio, Carter, Cerra, Coderre, Corvese, Costantino, Crowley, Dennigan, DeSimone, Enos, Faria, Flaherty, Fox, Gallison, Giannini, Ginaitt, Gorham, Handy, Harwood, Jacquard, Kennedy, Kilmartin, Lally, Landroche, Laroche, Lewiss, Lima, Long, Lowe, Malik, McCauley, McHugh, McManus, McNamara, Menard, Moffitt, Montanaro, Moran, Moura, Mumford, Naughton, Petrarca, Picard, Reilly, Rose, San Bento, Savage, Schadone, Scott, Shanley, Shavers, Slater, Smith, Story, Tejada, Trillo, Wasylyk, Watson, Williams, Williamson, Winfield.

ABSENT – 5: Anderson, Callahan, Coogan, Palumbo, Voccola.

INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker presents Father Healy who delivers the Invocation and Representative Crowley leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, January 15, 2004, is approved as printed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Rita J. Anderson will be unable to attend session today, January 20, due to a family emergency.

NEW BUSINESS

House Resolution No. 7253

BY Murphy, Fox, Menard, Lima, Watson

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF OUR COLLEAGUE, REPRESENTATIVE PAUL V. SHERLOCK {LC1007/1}

Representative Fox requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Fox seconded by Majority Whip Menard and the Entire House of Representatives and by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

TRIBUTE

The Honorable Paul V. Sherlock Eulogy, presented by Mayor Scott Avedisian, (at the funeral mass at Saint Williams Church), January 20, 2004. (See Appendix)

Out of respect to the memory of Representative Sherlock the introduction of New Business and the Consent Calendar are deferred until tomorrow, January 21, 2004.

Representatives McNamara, Flaherty, Watson, Fox, Carter, Crowley, Costantino, Moura, Slater, and Long pay tribute to the late Representative Paul V. Sherlock.

The Honorable Speaker Murphy appoints the Warwick Delegation to escort the bagpipers and present the pall and flowers for the late Representative Sherlock's desk.

GUESTS

The Honorable Speaker Murphy thanks General Treasurer Paul Tavares and Attorney General Patrick Lynch for attending today's session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:56 o'clock P.M. on motion of Representative Fox, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Representative Paul V. Sherlock seconded by Representative Watson and the entire House of Representatives the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

Linda M. McElroy

Recording Clerk

APPENDIX**The Honorable Paul V. Sherlock Eulogy
Presented by Mayor Scott Avedisian
(at the funeral mass at Saint Williams Church)
January 20, 2004**

Thank you Father Behan.

Ann, Kate, Timmy, Martin, Mary, grandchildren, siblings, and of course with the memory of Patrick deep in our hearts and minds.

I have been thinking since late last night about how, where, and when Paul Sherlock became part of my life. I am sure it was on the baseball fields at West Side Little League or next door in the Cocroft's pool. But when I first thought of him not as Mr. Sherlock - but as a friend - had to have been in 1976 when he was running for the state senate. We went door to door, put up signs, and pored over election results. Although he was not successful in that first race, you can all imagine how we laughed years later to think about the republican mayor having gone door to door for the democrat candidate for the senate. But you see... That is what Paul Sherlock was all about.

We called him many things. Son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, doctor, professor, educator, legislator, Dean of the House, chairman of the finance committee, passionate advocate for the needy.... But most of all we called him friend. And he would rather simply have been called Paul.

You see, to Paul Sherlock, titles meant nothing. Deeds meant everything. Whether it was a family whose child had just been diagnosed as developmentally disabled, the single mother trying to keep her family together, the young person looking for adequate affordable dental care, the child in desperate need of mental health services.....Deeds were what motivated Paul. Just go back to the days when he and Ann traveled with Arthur and Evelyn Trudeau to lobby President Kennedy. The aim was to always keep score, and to look at what was possible. In one of my favorite hymns is the line "praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless". This is exactly what sums up Paul Sherlock's life...

Paul believed that this world would be a better place if we were slower to chide or criticize and quicker to bless and praise.

During budget battles and other heated debates, Paul never chided. You see, he simply believed that good people would simply do the right thing. No need for anger, rancor, bad comments, or being negative. In the end, good people would do what was right. And what a wonderful view of life that is.

In the last few years, Paul and I shared many laughs. Our regular breakfast routine at Bickford's on Jefferson Boulevard was a welcome respite from this job. People passing by, I am sure, assumed that we were solving all of the major political and policy battles of the day.

The truth? The discussion of the political and policy battles was always relegated to the last few minutes of our meeting. The bulk of the meeting was simply to catch up, find out how Ann was, listen to the joy that he had in relating to me what Kate's trip to China was like, how the grandchildren were, the last time that he and Timmy had enjoyed playing catch in the back yard, how Marty was doing, and

how Mary was surviving her medical studies and internship. It also included an update on Joyce and Bill next door, and questions about how my siblings - especially his former student - my sister Jo-Ann - were all doing. In the last year, since the death of my parents, he also worried about how we were all coping.

Then the quick sprint to deal with politics and policy before heading out the door to the rest of the day. That was Paul - more concerned about people than anything else.

Paul Sherlock lived by simple rules. Do the right thing. Help those in need. Stand tall and proud. He also believed that it was our duty to leave this place better than we found it.

Last Saturday Paul left this place. And he left it better than he found it and all of us better for having been part of this journey with him. Finally, on behalf of all the people of his beloved city, I can only close by saying, well done, thy good and faithful servant. Enter now into your just reward.

APPENDIX

CONSENT CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2004:

1. 2004-H 7167

BY Story

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Ordered on the Calendar

2. 2004-H 7166

BY Giannini

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES

Ordered on the Calendar

IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2004:

1. 2004-H 7011

BY Menard

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE INCORPORATION OF THE ALBION
FIRE DISTRICT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Louis D'Antuono
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2004:

1. 2004-H 7006 SUB A

BY Murphy

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - RETAIL
LICENSES**

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Louis D'Antuono
Clerk of the House

Tuesday, January 20, 2004