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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE
RAYMOND P. COONEY

Introduced By: Representatives Giraldo, Voas, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Kennedy, Tanzi, Cotter, Fenton-Fung, and Solomon

Date Introduced: February 09, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Raymond P. Cooney was a lifelong resident of Central Falls,
2 and the son of the late Mary and Stephen Cooney; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooney was a graduate of Holy Trinity School, Central Falls High
4 School, Rhode Island College, and the University of Tulsa College of Law. He also studied at
5 Suffolk University and the Rhode Island Conservatory of Music; and

6 WHEREAS, A dedicated public servant, Mr. Cooney served the City of Central Falls
7 with distinction for many years as a Municipal Court Judge, and as a City Solicitor on two
8 separate occasions. Additionally, he served as an officer on numerous boards in the Blackstone
9 Valley area, including the former Central Falls Community Center, Wilfrid Manor, and the
10 Blackstone Valley Charter School; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to his work for the City of Central Falls, Mr. Cooney was an
12 accomplished practicing attorney, which included doing legal work at the State House and
13 RISDIC Savings & Loan Litigation; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooney was also a talented pianist who had a lifelong interest and love
15 for music. He enjoyed all kinds of music, classical, showtunes, Big Bands, the Beatles and most
16 other kinds of music, and loved nothing more than playing the piano for his mother and, most
17 recently, for residents at assisted needs facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooney also loved good conversation and pontificating on the news of
19 the day and the fate of local sports teams. Above everything else, his family was always the most

1 important priority in his life, and he especially enjoyed family gatherings with everyone
2 delighting in good food and music. His relentless optimism was a light that shone on this world
3 and he will be sorely missed; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooney leaves behind his son, Jonathan Cooney, partner Madisson
5 Melendez, daughter Allana Cooney, and grandchildren, Rayvyn, Jacob and Morgan Walsh. He is
6 also survived by his godson Stephen Cooney, Esq., and his wife, Becky, sisters, Barbara Lariviere
7 and her husband, Wilfred, Carol Folan and her husband, Frank, and Marilyn Cooney, former
8 stepdaughter Dana Sorrentino, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was also predeceased
9 by his brothers, Daniel and Dennis Cooney, and his former wife, Margaret Cooney; now,
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of the Honorable Raymond P. Cooney; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Jonathan Cooney and Allana Cooney.

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