

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ARTHUR JOYAL

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Burke, Gallo, F. Lombardi, Felag, Lombardo,  
Rogers, Tikoian, DeLuca, and E Morgan

Date Introduced: May 23, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Arthur  
2 Joyal. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 68 years, Cecile Marie Joyal; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Joyal was born in West Warwick, a son of Edouard Joyal II and Marie-  
4 Rose Joyal. He was a child of the Great Depression and his family, like most Americans at that  
5 time, suffered through difficult times. His family was forced to sell their farm and he had to quit  
6 school by the 9th grade to financially help them. As a youngster, he and his brothers sought out  
7 any work they could find, often as laborers on other farms, as well as taking other jobs clearing  
8 land, doing carpentry, milling lumber and doing cement & masonry work, house painting &  
9 plastering, and hand-dig excavation; and

10 WHEREAS, During World War II, Mr. Joyal served our nation with honor in the United  
11 States Army-Air Corps in Europe as a truck driver specializing in heavy transport. He and his  
12 colleagues were responsible for hauling the machinery and fuel for American Bomber & Fighter  
13 planes to American air bases throughout France, as the Allied armies were preparing to enter Nazi  
14 Germany. After Germany's surrender, Mr. Joyal's last military orders were to stand guard outside  
15 of the building hosting the Nuremberg trials for Nazi war criminals; and

16 WHEREAS, Upon returning home from the war, Mr. Joyal took a position at East  
17 Greenwich Dairy and thanks to his tireless work ethic and professionalism, he worked his way up  
18 through the ranks during his 24 years with them, beginning as a delivery milkman and eventually  
19 becoming the route manager shop steward; and

20 WHEREAS, When he returned from the war, Mr. Joyal met the love of his life, Cecile,

1 and they married on Memorial Day weekend in 1949. Together, they had three sons and raised a  
2 wonderful family together; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1971, Mr. Joyal along with his wife and children opened up Joyal's  
4 Liquors, Inc. It was a very successful business which grew and expanded four times in the  
5 Pawtuxet Valley over the next 48 years until being sold in 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Joyal was a devoted family man and a caring and compassionate  
7 person. Like all members of his generation, he highly valued honesty and hard work but was  
8 always willing to help people and organizations in need, whether it was supporting his parish,  
9 veterans causes, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, simply giving a loan to someone in need or  
10 randomly buying toys, candy or winter jackets for impoverished children; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Joyal leaves behind his sons, Dennis Joyal and his wife, Karen, and  
12 Paul Joyal and his wife, Elizabeth. He was the proud grandfather of Sheena Morrison and her  
13 husband, Matthew Morrison, Thomas Joyal, and Emily Martinez and her husband, Joe Martinez,  
14 and the great-grandfather of Declan Secor. He was predeceased by his son, Briand Joyal, and his  
15 siblings, Edouard Joyal III, Rosa Bourgault, Raoul Joyal, and Leo Joyal; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its  
17 condolences on the passing of Arthur Joyal; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Dennis Joyal and Family and Paul Joyal and  
20 Family.

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