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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ARTHUR ROBBINS

Introduced By: Representatives Kislak, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy,
McGaw, Potter, Bennett, Phillips, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: February 29, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Arthur
2 Robbins, the beloved husband of Judith Robbins for 67 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Arthur Robbins was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1932, a son of the
4 late Robert and Nancy Robbins; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins went to school in Woonsocket and later attended Wilbraham
6 and Monson Academy. He proceeded to graduate from the Wharton School/University of
7 Pennsylvania with a degree in economics and subsequently served our nation with distinction for
8 two years as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1957, after marrying Judy, the love of his life, he moved backed to
10 Woonsocket where he worked with his father in the manufacturing industry until he and his
11 family moved to Providence in 1969; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins was a highly successful entrepreneur and real estate developer
13 who was the Principal of Robbins Properties. He had a deep understanding of the hospitality
14 industry and under his guidance and direction, helped to create the Providence Marriott, the
15 Newport Marriott, and hotels and office buildings throughout the New England region; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins was immersed in civic affairs throughout his life. He served on
17 more than twenty civic and nonprofit boards and supported many Jewish and health related
18 organizations, including Hope Health, Butler Hospital, Textron Chamber of Commerce Academy,
19 Providence Convention and Visitors Bureau, Big Brothers of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island
20 Holocaust Museum. He received numerous honors and awards throughout his distinguished life,

1 and was a member of Temple Emanu-El; and

2 WHEREAS, Arthur Robbins was a devoted family man his entire life. In addition to his
3 wife, Judith, he leaves behind his children, Mark Robbins, Alisa Robbins Doctoroff and her
4 husband, Dan, and Carolyn Robbins Levine and her husband, Jim. He also leaves behind his
5 grandchildren Jacob, Ariel, Jenna, Noah, Ari, Jesse, Adina, and Caleb and his great-grandchildren
6 Lila and Naomi, and was the brother of the late Donald Robbins and his wife, Esther; now,
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
9 expresses its condolences on the passing of Arthur Robbins; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Judith Robbins and Family.

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