

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DANIEL A. SPAIGHT, JR.

Introduced By: Senator Valarie J. Lawson

Date Introduced: January 10, 2025

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Daniel  
2 A. Spaight, Jr., of East Providence. He was the beloved husband of Jacqueline Spaight for more  
3 than 66 years; and

4           WHEREAS, Daniel Spaight, Jr., was born in Pawtucket, the son of the late Daniel and  
5 Gladys Spaight. Mr. Spaight was a devoted public servant who had a long and distinguished  
6 career as a teacher in the East Providence School Department, and as the Vice Principal of  
7 Central Vocational High School in Providence. Mr. Spaight also served with distinction working  
8 for the Rhode Island Department of Education, as an advisor on Vocational Education to the State  
9 Board of Regents, and in retirement, taught for several years at Johnson & Wales University; and

10           WHEREAS, In his free time, Mr. Spaight enjoyed golfing and was a lifelong member of  
11 Segregansett Country Club in Taunton. He also enjoyed swimming, and served as a lifeguard,  
12 coach, official, referee and starter. In 2007, Mr. Spaight was inducted into the Rhode Island  
13 Aquatic Hall of Fame. Mr. Spaight was also an active member of the East Providence Democratic  
14 City Committee; and

15           WHEREAS, Daniel Spaight was a man of deep faith who believed deeply in the value of  
16 serving others and was moved by his faith to make his community a better place in which to live.  
17 He was an active member of St. Martha's Parish, where he was one of the original parishioners,  
18 and served as a lector and a member of the Finance Council; and

19           WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Jacqueline, Mr. Spaight leaves behind his children  
20 Linda Spaight, Susan Torres and Thomas Spaight as well as his grandchildren, Samantha,

1 Kaleigh, Emily, Ally, Jack, Lillian and Rosemary. Mr. Spaight was the brother of Russell Spaight  
2 and the late Leo Spaight, Frances Spaight and Barbara Robillard. He also leaves behind many  
3 nieces, nephews, friends and extended family members; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its  
5 condolences to the Spaight Family on the passing of Daniel A. Spaight, Jr., and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Jacqueline Spaight.

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