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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ELLA COOK AND MUKHAMMAD AZIZ UMURZOKOV
VICTIMS OF THE MASS SHOOTING AT BROWN UNIVERSITY

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Ajello, Biah,
DeSimone, Marszalkowski, Boylan, Hull, and Abney
Date Introduced: January 06, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, On Saturday, December 13, 2025, a vicious spree shooting began at Brown
2 University inside the Barus and Holley building, home to the Physics Department and School of
3 Engineering, on the school’s campus; and
4 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House of Representatives soon learned of
5 the senseless and brutal killing of two students, Ella Cook, an accomplished pianist studying
6 French, math and economics, and Mukhammad Aziz Umurzokov, a freshman at Brown who
7 planned to pursue a career as a neurosurgeon, and the wounding of nine additional students; and
8 WHEREAS, First responders and medical professionals at Rhode Island Hospital had
9 quickly initiated emergency protocols resulting in seven of the students injured in the shooting
10 being treated with exceptional care in the face of this overwhelming tragedy and thankfully
11 surviving the shooting; and
12 WHEREAS, The people of Rhode Island and around the world have the right to be secure
13 in their homes, in their schools, on the streets, and in their communities; and
14 WHEREAS, To the parents and families who face the unnatural act of burying their
15 children, know that the citizens of Rhode Island and indeed millions across the country mourn
16 with you; now, therefore be it
17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 honors the memory and lives of the victims of the Brown University shooting and offers its
19 heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of those killed and injured. We furthermore

1 condemn this and all senseless and tragic acts of violence; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Family of Ella Cook, and the Family of
4 Mukhammad Aziz Umurzokov.

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