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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALAN GEOFFREY
HASSENFELD

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ackerman, Chippendale,
Paplauskas, McNamara, Fellela, Serpa, Corvese, and Kennedy
Date Introduced: January 08, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Alan
2 Hassenfeld, a prominent businessman and philanthropist, past Chairman and Chief Executive
3 Officer, and Chairman Emeritus of Hasbro Toys, which had been founded by the Hassenfeld
4 family in 1923; and

5 WHEREAS, Alan Hassenfeld was the son of the late Merrill Hassenfeld, the brother of
6 the late Stephen Hassenfeld and Ellen Block, and the husband of Vivien Maria Hassenfeld. He
7 had joined the family business in 1970, after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania; and

8 WHEREAS, Rising through the company's ranks, Mr. Hassenfeld was named President
9 in 1984, and in 1989, was named Chairman and CEO, positions he held until 2005, and 2003,
10 respectively; and

11 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Chairman, Mr. Hassenfeld led the company through
12 years of substantial growth, most notably with the acquisition of the Tonka Corporation and
13 Magic; and

14 WHEREAS, Alan Hassenfeld generously shared the success of Hasbro Toys, by making
15 myriad altruistic endowments and contributions to numerous philanthropic endeavors including,
16 being a founding benefactor of the Hasbro Children's Hospital, establishing the nonprofit
17 Hassenfeld Family Initiative LLC, an organization focused on women and children's rights and
18 safety, establishing the Hassenfeld Family Innovation Center at Brandeis University, funding the
19 Hassenfeld Foundation Scholarship, as well as numerous additional scholarships, and establishing

1 the Hassenfeld Child Health Innovation Institute at Brown University; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Alan Hassenfeld was honored with a panoply of
3 accolades including, being inducted into the Toy Industry Hall of Fame in 1996, the renaming of
4 Bryant University's Public Leadership Institute after Mr. Hassenfeld, and was named a member of
5 the Brown University Board of Trustees; and

6 WHEREAS, Alan Hassenfeld has left a lasting legacy of generosity, astute leadership,
7 and inspiration that has and will continue to benefit generations of Rhode Islanders; now,
8 therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
10 extends deepest sympathy and condolences on the passing of Alan G. Hassenfeld; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Vivien Maria Hassenfeld and Ellen Block.

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