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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE  
RICHARD SERRA

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Spears, Place, Newberry, Nardone,  
Paplauskas, Santucci, Fascia, Hopkins, and Roberts  
Date Introduced: February 11, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that we have learned of the passing of the Honorable  
2 Richard "Rippy" Serra of Charlestown. He was the beloved husband of Camelia Serra; and  
3           WHEREAS, Richard Serra was born in Westerly, the son of the late Barbara and  
4 Matthew Serra. Mr. Serra was a highly respected and very successful businessman who was the  
5 owner of Rippy's Liquor and Marketplace for more than forty years; and  
6           WHEREAS, He was also a devoted and dedicated public servant who served with  
7 distinction and honor as a member of the Charlestown Town Council. He served his constituents  
8 and the people of Charlestown with passion and abiding integrity. He always impressed his  
9 colleagues with his knowledge of the issues before them and his leadership skills. Before retiring  
10 from the Town Council, Mr. Serra had risen to the position of Vice President of the Charlestown  
11 Town Council; and  
12           WHEREAS, Mr. Serra was also a man of deep faith and was a member of the Groton  
13 Bible Chapel. He was a devoted family man who strove daily to provide for his family and loved  
14 ones. In his free time, he was a passionate lover of all things railroad and train-related; and  
15           WHEREAS, Richard Serra leaves behind his beloved wife, Camelia, and his four  
16 children, Bryan Serra, and his wife, Haley, Richard Serra II, Nathan Serra and his wife, Linny,  
17 and Rachel Serra as well as his four siblings, Mathew Serra, Jr., Mark Serra, Suann Serra and  
18 Jean Shields. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Maisie, Easton and Isla Serra, as well as  
19 several nieces and nephews, and his many friends; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
2 expresses its deepest condolences to the Serra Family on the passing of the Honorable Richard  
3 Serra; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Camelia Serra and Family.

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