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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE CARLO
SPIRITO, JR.

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
McNamara, Potter, Baginski, Kennedy, Ajello, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: February 26, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Carlo
2 Spirito, Jr., of Cranston and Pompano Beach, Florida. Mr. Spirito was the beloved husband of
3 Florence Spirito; and

4 WHEREAS, Carlo Spirito, Jr., was the third of six children born to the late Carlo and
5 Antonetta Spirito. Carlo was a truly talented Renaissance man who was a skilled musician as a
6 drummer, built and remodeled homes, installed swimming pools, and worked as a neighborhood
7 barber. All of this skillful work was accomplished in addition to his full-time profession as a math
8 teacher and Department Chair at Western Hills Junior High School, instilling not only knowledge
9 but also values of diligence and integrity; and

10 WHEREAS, Carlo was also a distinguished public servant who served with passion and
11 abiding integrity as a member of the Cranston City Council for five non-consecutive terms from
12 1968 to 1983, rising to serve as Council President from 1979 to 1981. Carlo always advocated for
13 the best interests of the citizens of Cranston; and

14 WHEREAS, Carlo was a man of deep religious faith. He was a charter member of the
15 Saint Mary Feast Society, and proudly carried the Saint in the annual Madonna Della Civita
16 procession until the age of 86. In his free time, Carlo enjoyed playing cards, and golfing at the
17 Alpine Country Club, Pompano Municipal Golf Course, and Cranston Country Club; and

18 WHEREAS, Carlo Spirito, Jr., is survived by his beloved wife, Florence, his sons Steven
19 Spirito and his wife, Nancy, and Michael Spirito, his granddaughter, Anya Spirito, and his many

1 nieces, nephews, godchildren, and friends. Mr. Spirito was predeceased by his siblings Walter,
2 Edwin, Florence and her husband, Marshall, Arlene and her husband, Stiles, and Josephine and
3 her husband, McLendon; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
5 expresses its deepest condolences to the Spirito Family on the passing of the Honorable Carlo
6 Spirito, Jr.; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Florence Spirito and Family.

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