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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANTHONY PICCIRILLI, CPA

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara, Chippendale,
Paplauskas, O'Brien, Kennedy, Ajello, Fellela, and Shallcross Smith
Date Introduced: April 02, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Mr.
2 Anthony Piccirilli, CPA, of Cranston and Hollywood, Florida. Mr. Piccirilli was the beloved
3 husband of Barbara Piccirilli for 72 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Anthony Piccirilli was born in the City of Providence, the son of Louis and
5 Chiara Piccirilli. He was educated in the Providence school system and served our nation with
6 honor and distinction for four years as a member of the United States Navy Submarine Force. Mr.
7 Piccirilli graduated from Providence College in 1959, and earned his Master's degree from the
8 University of Florida in 1960. Anthony worked for Ernst & Young for four years and then for the
9 Nicholson File Company for ten years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Piccirilli was appointed as Rhode Island State Auditor General in 1974,
11 served for twenty years, and established the first office of the Auditor General in Rhode Island.
12 Thanks to Mr. Piccirilli's tireless work ethic and abiding integrity, the office earned regional and
13 national recognition for upholding the highest professional standards in the auditing profession;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Piccirilli served as Chairman of the New England Intergovernmental
16 Audit Forum and Vice Chairman of the National Forum. He also served as President of the Rhode
17 Island Society of Certified Public Accountants and as President of the National State Auditors
18 Association, where he testified before the United States Congress on the merits of the "Single
19 Audit Act". The passage of this act resulted in major improvements in the auditing of Federal
20 financial assistance programs by mandating greater participation by State Auditors; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Piccirilli served as President of the National Association of State
2 Auditors, Controllers, and Treasurers. He was also very involved in the establishment of the
3 Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and served as a member of the American Institute of
4 Certified Public Accountants Committee on Governmental Accounting and Auditing; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Piccirilli received numerous awards throughout his long and exemplary
6 career including the Goodrich Award from the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, the U.S.
7 Government Accountability Office Financial Management Improvement Award, the Rhode
8 Island CPA 75th Anniversary Award for Accountants in Government, and the Rhode Island
9 Government Finance Officers Association John O. Stitely Memorial Award; and

10 WHEREAS, Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr. Piccirilli was a passionate
11 sports fan and played baseball for much of his life, including high school, the Rhode Island
12 Amateur League, on his naval base in Norfolk Virginia, and his submarine base in New London,
13 Connecticut. Mr. Piccirilli also coached Little League baseball for several years in the Mount
14 Pleasant neighborhood of Providence; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Barbara, Mr. Piccirilli leaves behind his children,
16 Gerald Piccirilli, Anthony P. Piccirilli, and Virginia Piccirilli and her husband, Greg Hawkinson.
17 He also leaves behind his granddaughters, Ariana and Catrina Piccirilli, as well as many nieces
18 and nephews. He was the brother of Assunta Lombardo and her late husband, Tony Lombardo,
19 and Maria Galasso and her late husband, John Galasso. Mr. Piccirilli was predeceased by his
20 brothers, Louis Piccirilli, CPA, and his late wife, Barbara Piccirilli, and Domenic Piccirilli, Esq.;
21 now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
23 expresses its deepest condolences to the Piccirilli Family on the passing of Mr. Anthony Piccirilli,
24 CPA; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
26 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Barbara Piccirilli, Gerald Piccirilli, Anthony P.
27 Piccirilli and Virginia Piccirilli.

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