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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ABELARDO “ABE” HERNANDEZ

Introduced By: Representatives Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
and Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 11, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Abelardo Hernandez, a beloved figure within the Olneyville Neighborhood
2 of Providence, has passed away. He was a native of Ecuador who became a United States citizen
3 in 1993. He enriched our state and his local community with his passion for youth sports and
4 community involvement, and strived every day of his life to make his community an even better
5 place in which to live, thrive and attain the American dream. He leaves behind his wife, children,
6 and grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Hernandez was a Sport Coordinator for Brown University and ran a
8 summer soccer clinic in Providence. For twenty years, he ran the popular Guatemala Soccer
9 League, which provided an escape for many people from places like Central America, South
10 America and Africa, as they navigated through the roadblocks and opportunities of their new
11 home and country; and

12 WHEREAS, On almost every weekend during the summers, under the guidance,
13 leadership and direction provided by Mr. Hernandez, players ranging in age from 20 to 32,
14 representing thirty different nations, would meet up to play competitive games of soccer in front
15 of their families and friends. These events helped to unite people from different cultures and
16 provide a sense of community for them and their families; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Abelardo Hernandez; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Marybel Martinez and the Hernandez Family.

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