

**2021 -- S 0080**

=====  
LC000935  
=====

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

---

**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TIMOTHY J. MILLS**

Introduced By: Senator Dawn M. Euer

Date Introduced: January 26, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Timothy J. Mills was born in 1962 in New London, Connecticut, son of  
2 Anne Mills and the late Stuart Mills, Jr. His family moved to Newport shortly after he was born,  
3 and from that point on, he was a lifelong resident of Aquidneck Island; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Mills was a graduate of Rogers High School and the University of  
5 Rhode Island, graduating with a degree in Geography and Marine Affairs. He was also a member  
6 of the Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) fraternity where he made many lifelong friends; and

7           WHEREAS, As a young boy, a love for the ocean, Narragansett Bay and Newport  
8 Harbor were instilled in Mr. Mills by his father and grandfather. This passion, especially for  
9 Newport Harbor, greatly influenced his career choices which led to him becoming the Newport  
10 Harbormaster. He worked during his high school and college days as a dock boy on Goat Island,  
11 did some lobstering after college, worked on a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
12 (NOAA) research vessel, and served as an Assistant Newport Harbormaster. He was also the  
13 owner and operator of Island Boat and Mooring Services; and

14           WHEREAS, After attaining his dream job as the Newport Harbormaster, Mr. Mills  
15 impressed everyone with his tireless work ethic and passion for protecting the City of Newport's  
16 most valuable resource. He significantly improved the harbor facilities, expanded the role and  
17 capabilities of the department, and built strong partnerships and alliances with other  
18 governmental agencies and entities; and

19           WHEREAS, The most important part of Mr. Mills' life was his family. He was a loving  
20 husband to his wife, Anne, a devoted stepfather to his stepchildren, and a caring son and brother

1 to his parents and sisters. He was also a great mentor to his nephews, and was always a positive  
2 influence and beacon of light in the lives of all his family members and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, In addition to his love for the sea, Mr. Mills loved riding his motorcycle and  
4 taking annual bike trips with his friends to places like the Colorado Rockies, the New England  
5 Appalachian Mountains or the Mid-Atlantic region, always serving on these trips as the  
6 navigator. He also loved to hike in the mountains, surfing and paddle-boarding, mountain biking,  
7 and tending to his garden at home. He greatly enjoyed spending time with friends around his fire  
8 pit at night, and loved travelling, especially to the Big Island in Hawaii. In addition, he was a  
9 talented woodworker and a proud Hibernian who played the bagpipes for many years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Mills is survived by his wife, Anne, his stepchildren John Walsh and  
11 Emily Walsh, and his mother Anne Mills. He is also survived by his sisters, Kathleen Dunn and  
12 her husband, John, and Stephanie Mills and Mike Giard, his nephews, John Dunn, Jr., Patrick  
13 Dunn, and Thomas Dunn, his great niece and nephew Hailey and John "Jack" Dunn, his uncles  
14 John Mills and Raymond Custy, and many cousins and close friends. He was predeceased by his  
15 grandparents, John and Sophia Sullivan, and Stuart and Elizabeth Mills, his aunt, Joan Custy, his  
16 aunt and uncle, Lawrence and Kathleen Sullivan, and his uncle, Richard Mills; now, therefore be  
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its  
19 condolences to the Mills Family on the passing of Timothy J. Mills; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Anne Mills and Family.

=====  
LC000935  
=====