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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE BRYAN K. WILSON

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, Sosnowski, Quezada, F. Lombardi, Zurier, Ciccone, and McKenney

Date Introduced: May 23, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Bryan K. Wilson was born in Summit, New Jersey, a son of
2 Donald Keith Wilson and Julia Ann Wilson, and the devoted husband of Amy Veldman-Wilson;
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson graduated from Summit High School and Princeton University,
5 where he studied architectural engineering and played on the volleyball team. After graduation,
6 he worked in construction on Block Island for a few years before moving with his family to
7 Oregon to attend the University of Oregon, where he studied architecture with a focus on
8 designing buildings that honor and respect a city's history, heritage, culture and traditions.
9 However, Mr. Wilson's love for Block Island never abated, and every summer while in graduate
10 school, he would return to Block Island to work construction, pick blackberries, and body surf;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Oregon with a Master's degree in
13 architecture, he returned for good to Block Island and established his company, ZMA
14 Design/Build. He was a committed environmentalist and humanitarian who believed it was his
15 responsibility to make the world a better place in which to live for future generations; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to designing and building charming homes, Mr. Wilson devoted
17 much of his free time engaging in important civic activities. He was a well-respected member of
18 the New Shoreham Town Council, serving the community with tireless devotion and abiding
19 integrity. He also volunteered to serve on numerous boards and committees, including the Block

1 Island Fire and Rescue Squad, the North Light Commission, the Historic District Commission,
2 the Recreation Board, and the Block Island Wind Farm; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2009, Mr. Wilson joined the Deepwater Wind team as the liaison for the
4 Block Island Wind Farm. He would later become the first offshore wind farmer in America, and
5 subsequently became the first offshore wind farm Manager in the United States. He was a lifelong
6 learner who had an endless interest and fascination with topics related to geology, oceanography,
7 the fishing industry, and Block Island's ecosystem; and

8 WHEREAS, In his spare time, Mr. Wilson enjoyed travelling, and helped to create many
9 wonderful family memories of vacations in Mexico, Belize, Italy, the Netherlands and many other
10 places across the globe. He also loved music and his eclectic tastes ranged from Moby and Pink
11 Floyd to Black Sabbath and the Black Eyed Peas. Of course, his first love in life besides his
12 family was all things related to Block Island, particularly the Island's wonderful nature; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Amy Veldman-Wilson, he was the devoted father of
14 Zacharia, Aisha, Mikayla, Maya, Ezekiel and Amira, the honorary father of Joee, John, and Chris,
15 and the doting grandfather of Sydnee, Ryker, and Rowan Bryan. He also leaves behind his
16 siblings Suzanne, Gwyneth, Jean, Katie, Sean and Andrew; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its
18 condolences on the passing of the Honorable Bryan K. Wilson; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Amy Veldman-Wilson and Family.

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