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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 OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF
ALCIDE P. LAFLEUR**

Introduced By: Representative Brian C. Newberry

Date Introduced: March 22, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House of Representatives has learned of the
2 passing of Alcide (Al) P. Lafleur, a decorated veteran and member of the “Greatest Generation,”
3 who left an indelible impression on everyone he met; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of the late Alcide J. Lafleur and the late Roseanna Lafleur, Al
5 recently celebrated sixty-three years of devoted marriage to Delores G. (Levitre) Lafleur, and was
6 the loving father of Suzanne (Lafleur) Gazaille and her husband, Roland, Gerard Lafleur and his
7 wife, Sheryl, Dr. Richard Lafleur and his wife, Pamela and North Smithfield School Committee
8 Chairman Robert Lafleur. Al was the brother of Raymond Lafleur and the late Joseph R. A.
9 Lafleur, and the doting grandfather of ten grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Born in Woonsocket, Al was inducted into the U.S. Army at the age of 18
11 after attending Mt. St. Charles Academy. He served his country with distinction during World
12 War II as an infantryman with Company B, 14th Infantry, 71st Division, when he was immediately
13 immersed into the Central Europe and Rhineland campaigns, specializing as an anti-tank gunner;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, A true American hero, Al was wounded during ferocious fighting near
16 Bayreuth, Germany, and awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star Medal with two Bronze
17 Stars, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal
18 for his brave and gallant service; and

19 WHEREAS, Upon being honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal, Al returned

1 home to work for the Lonsdale Company and married the wonderful Delores G. (Levitre) Lafleur.
2 He then embarked on a thirty-five year career with the Star Market grocery chain, working as a
3 head meat cutter while also a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers International
4 Union Local 328; and

5 WHEREAS, A loyal fan of the Boston Red Sox, Boston Bruins, and the New England
6 Patriots, Al's main passion was for North Smithfield Athletics, serving as a coach, manager, and
7 Secretary of the North Smithfield Little League, and a founding member of the original North
8 Smithfield Boosters Club, supportive of the High School athletic program, and cheering his
9 children and grandchildren throughout the many sports in which they participated; and

10 WHEREAS, A passionate dog lover, Al took the opportunity to "dog sit" whenever
11 possible during his retirement, making sure all the family dogs were taken care of and tending to
12 his many canine companions: and

13 WHEREAS, Al's love of family and friends was well known, and his life and
14 achievements will live on for years to come in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to
15 have been touched by the quality of this remarkable gentleman; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest condolences on the passing of Alcide P.
18 Lafleur and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Delores Lafleur and Family.

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