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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 BRUCE LANG

Introduced By: Representatives Valencia, Martin, Dickinson, Fox, and Williams

Date Introduced: March 29, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Bruce
2 Lang, a well-respected and astute businessman and the founder of Operation Clean Government;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lang attended the University of Rhode Island, where he joined the
5 ROTC program. He subsequently served in the United States Army and was one of the last
6 Americans to leave Cuba in 1958. He returned to the states and continued his education, earning
7 an MBA from Harvard Business School in 1961; and

8 WHEREAS, Entering a training program at CBS News opened myriad doors and
9 opportunities for Mr. Lang. He not only accrued invaluable knowledge of the industry, but also
10 collected enviable lifelong memories and experiences, including meeting the Beatles during their
11 appearance on the Ed Sullivan show and posing for camera shots with celebrities such as Sammy
12 Davis, Jr.; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1972, Mr. Lang returned to Rhode Island and worked for his family's
14 business, and later, for the state Department of Economic Development as the head of the Rhode
15 Island Partnership for Science & Technology; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1993, Mr. Lang co-founded Operation Clean Government, a government
17 watchdog group supporting clean and honest state government. In addition, he was President of
18 the Rhode Island Separation of Powers Committee, and served on numerous business,
19 community, and government boards and organizations; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1991, Mr. Lang was the recipient of the Governor's Science and

1 Technology Award and had been a finalist for the entrepreneur of the year award in 1990.
2 Previous to his passing, Mr. Lang had been working at Lang Naturals, a “health-benefit driven”
3 company founded by his son; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lang is survived by his wife, Lois, his two sons, David and Richard,
5 and his sister Joyce. He was also the proud grandfather of one grandchild; and

6 WHEREAS, A hard-working man who possessed an abundance of business acumen, Mr.
7 Lang challenged himself and our state to become involved and seek opportunities to be the very
8 best; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
10 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Bruce Lang;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Lois Lang and Family.

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