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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 ALFRED R. "FREDDY" SPINA

Introduced By: Representatives O'Neill, Petrarca, Mattiello, Jackson, and Ucci

Date Introduced: May 09, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that we have learned of the passing of Alfred R.
2 "Freddy" Spina, a man who was deeply devoted to his family and friends. For sixty-four years, he
3 was the beloved husband of Evelyn (DePetrillo) Spina. Our thoughts and hearts hold great
4 empathy and sorrow for his two children, Kevin M. Spina and his wife, Karen, and Michelle A.
5 Refino. He was also the doting grandfather of Christopher Spina, Matthew Spina, and Felicia
6 Refino, as well as the great-grandfather of Giuliana Shanley; and

7 WHEREAS, Alfred was also the brother of Antonio Spina and Ann Lombardi, Louis
8 Spina, and Rita Beaune. He was preceded in death by his siblings, the late Angelo Spina and
9 Josephine Santopadre; and

10 WHEREAS, Alfred was born in 1929, in Providence, Rhode Island, to his proud parents,
11 the late Lorenzo and Filomena (Serra) Spina. After serving his country with pride and distinction
12 in the United States Army during the Korean War, he decided to open his own business. Spina's
13 Shoes, his downtown Providence shoe store, became a fixture in the community and was in
14 operation for forty-seven years; and

15 WHEREAS, Freddy will always be remembered to those closest to him as a man who
16 loved nothing more than the simple pleasures associated with spending time with his family and
17 friends, telling stories, making jokes, and discussing his life experiences; and

18 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn Alfred's passing, so,
19 too, must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which he lived every day of his
20 life; and

1 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, Alfred Spina
2 will live on for many years to come in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to have been
3 touched by the quality of this remarkable gentleman; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathy to the entire Spina family on the
6 passing of Alfred Spina. He enriched the lives of all who knew him and will be dearly missed;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Evelyn Spina and family.

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